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NEWS

COUNTY

Council directs committee to look at new building option

Council also picks renovation option at meeting

by Richard Westlund

Mountain View County Council has directed the Administration Building Review Committee to investigate options for new construction of an administration building.

County Council unanimously voted to look at building new along with choosing a plan for renovation if that ends up being the course of action at a special Council meeting held last week.

"I obviously support the recommendation to Council," said Councillor Charlie Van Arnam, who also sits on the building committee. "We need to look at these options so we can make the best long term decision possible."

Van Arnam said that renovations could be costly especially when they are to be done in phases. He said there would be a possibility of saving \$300,000 to \$500,000 on a new building if renovations are to be done.

Councillor Linda Burrell said that information about a new building would help Council make a decision either way.

"I do support looking at the costs of a new building because there are a lot more questions."

If the County ends up renovating the existing building, they will follow the plans of Option #5 which has two different designs. The cost of renovating is pegged at anywhere from \$3.5 million to \$3.9 million.

Earlier estimates of a new building were listed at \$4.5 million to \$5.5 million. Linus Murphy, associate of Cohos Evamy, the firm working with the building review committee, said it was important to note those new building figures were to construct a building that was similar to the current one with similar materials and size after renovations.

That news came as a surprise to some Councillors including Reeve Ian Harvie.

Harvie said he wasn't aware that the new building costs were for a building mir-



Linus Murphy listens intently while Council debates looking at new building options.

rored the current one. He said he thought that number might not accurately reflect a true new building cost and wondered if the approach was appropriate.

Murphy said he directed the committee to look at a new building cost that way as he thought it was the best compromise.

During the 2001 Municipal election, held just over a year ago, County residents voted by a 74 per cent margin against a new building.

Shortly after the election several Councillors stated publicly the decision not to construct a new building would be adhered to.

In January of 2002, Mountain View County Council created a committee to review the needs of the administration building and its staff. Their mandate was to "recommend to County Council, the actions necessary to address the current and future County Administration Building needs required to provide adequate administrative services to Mountain View County."

The group only looked at renovation costs and did not provide an estimated figure on a new building until the Sept. 25 regular Council meeting.

Van Arnam said at that meeting the building committee had only looked at renovation.

Just under 100 rate-payers attended a meeting at the end of October to hear about renovation plans. Some, who were concerned about renovation costs, suggested the County should perhaps look at what it would cost to build new. Others continued to be adamant about the administration building proposed being too grand and were unhappy with figures they heard.

Derkson said continuously at the meeting that the group's mandate was renovation only.

At last week's special Council meeting just one person, other than the press, watched as Council made its decision.

Derkson said he believed there would be more in attendance at the meeting.

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WILD ROSE

Child molester was director in Wild Rose riding association

MP believes there will be no affect on Wild Rose association

by Dan Singleton

Wild Rose Canadian Alliance MP Myron Thompson - a self-described tough-on-crime MP who has called for minimum 20 year prison terms for convicted pedophiles - says he was shocked to learn a convicted child molester had been a director in his riding's constituency association for the past three years.

"The guy did a good job of keeping it a secret for a long time, but if you are going to run for public office I can guarantee that whatever you may want to hide won't be hidden," said Thompson.

"There's no reason for us to do backgrounders on people if they've got memberships that sit on your board. When things like this come out we deal with them. It's hard to keep a person on when you are fighting hard against that kind of activities."

"It's a good idea. It will certainly help.

"Letting them (pedophiles) out as quickly as they do now is not good at all," Thompson said.

The MP said he found out about Moore's past on Dec. 8.

"I turned it over to the president of the association completely. Our association deals with these sort of things, and I got word this morning (Dec. 10) that the executive had a meeting and he came with the resignation in hand and said he understood and left quietly."

Is the Moore revelation going to have an affect on the party's Wild Rose association?

"No," said Thompson. "What can you do. Nobody

"When things like this come out we deal with them. It's hard to keep a person on when you are fighting hard against that kind of activities."

- Myron Thompson, Member of Parliament

knew, not even the Mayor of Airdrie."

Should pedophiles be allowed to hold public office? Thompson was asked.

"I think anyone with a criminal record should not be allowed to run, but having said that I know there are some members of Parliament today who have criminal records.

"But I certainly oppose it. I think if you have a criminal record you should not be allowed to be put in a place of public trust, including a director of a constituency association."

Director Blake Richards, who works in Thompson's Airdrie constituency office, attended the Dec. 9 association meeting in Airdrie when Moore resigned.

"He told us he was sorry for any harm he may have caused the association," said Richards. There are 27 directors in the riding association.

Directors sign an agreement agreeing to uphold the party's "policies and principals to the best of their abilities", said Blake.

The association may replace Moore or leave the position vacant, he said.



photo by Gene Hartmann

Title transferred

Didsbury Mayor Dorothy Moore puts a final signature on a document that transfers town-owned land to Mountain View Seniors' Housing for a dollar. The land is the future home of the Aspen Ridge Lodge and is about two-and-a-half acres in size. It is expected that construction will begin early February and occupancy could start in late fall 2003.

Wild Rose against Kyoto, says MP

by Richard Westlund

Ninety-two per cent of responses returned from the Wild Rose constituency are against the Kyoto accord, said MP Myron Thompson in a press release last week.

Thompson, who voted against the accord in the House of Commons last week, said the people of Wild Rose understood "that Kyoto will not only be costly to taxpayers, but devastating to the economy as well."

Thompson said he received 2,000 responses to date.

Thompson mailed out pamphlets in November that were entitled "Who will be hurt by Kyoto" which outlined the Canadian Alliance's plan on climate change and why signing the Kyoto agreement would not be good for Canadians. The

pamphlet outlined the Kyoto Protocol as "about Canadians sending money to other countries to buy permission to pollute" citing emission trading.

"It wasn't surprising that the Liberals had to invoke closure to end the debate on Kyoto," said Thompson in the press release. "They were clearly embarrassed at not having a concrete implementation plan or timeline. This is the next in a long line of failed Liberal projects. First gun control, then the sponsorship programs, the GST corporate rebate fraud and the HRDC scandal."

Thompson said that Kyoto will ensure the Prime Minister's legacy and his place in history because "never before have we seen a Prime Minister push a project through Parliament with no agreed upon forecast

on how many jobs it will cost, how our trade will be affected or how quickly new technologies can be discovered or developed."

Thompson added that there is no timetable for implementation, no outline for greenhouse gas reductions or cost, no budget for direct government spending or tax revenue impact.

The press release quotes independent estimates suggesting that Canadians could pay 50 per cent more for gas and heating, a doubling of the cost of electricity, the loss of a half million jobs and could cost the Canadian economy \$40 billion.

"When all is said and done, the one sure thing is this accord will produce yet another massive bureaucracy," said Thompson.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Yes, we should believe



RICHARD WESTLUND
EDITORIAL

believing in things we can't see.

The editorial was a response to a letter sent to the newspaper by eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon who asked if there was really a Santa Claus. Some of her friends were telling her to stop believing.

"Yes, Virginia there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there was no Santa Clause! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished."

The editorial goes on to say that nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders of the world.

"You tear apart the babies rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart."

The message is that belief makes us whole. If you replace the word Santa Claus in the 1897 piece with the name Jesus Christ, you get an equally compelling argument. The intent of article was to put a little girl at ease. The exercise helps put me at ease.

Without our belief system we are not whole as human beings. We would never be content or have direction within our existence.

Merry Christmas to everyone.

My favourite Christmas message is sort of a reflection of myself.

Every year I come across an editorial that first appeared in the New York Sun in 1897 entitled *Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus*.

The fact the context of the message goes hand in hand with what I do for a living always makes me smile. But the message it contains is a basis for some yearly thought about



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Bigger bodies and smaller heads

by Ian Taylor - Trustee

When I was a young boy I avidly followed a comic strip called "Dan Dare". Dan was a space adventurer who roamed the cosmos battling his arch enemy the Meekon. As villains go the Meekon was particularly creepy. He was green, ugly, and small, except for his bald head which was enormous. His huge brain power was devoted to finding ways to dominate the galaxies. He floated around on a thing like an inverted iron since his legs had withered from lack of use.

My brother, five years my senior, affirmed this would happen to humans. He said that our brains would grow as we used them more while our neglected bodies would dwindle to insignificance. As with most of his theories, my brother has been proved wrong. (He also put my impressionable mind in turmoil by theorizing that the earth was falling towards the sun - but that's another story). This year in particular the media have been busy with features about a new generation of unfit and overweight children. If some observers are right then future humans are more likely to have huge bodies dwarfing their underused brains.

Our board does believe that schools play a central role in developing healthy lifestyles in children including regular vigorous physical activity. Physical Education has for a long time been a mandatory course for students up to grade ten though it is an aspect of schooling that has been under emphasized since the mid nineties. From that time the government's main emphasis for education has been to promote things that give Alberta a business and economic advantage. One result of this is that funding for things like computer labs has been a priority while proposals for gym building have languished at the bottom of the pile. Our society is now preoccupied with the rising costs of healthcare. We are still mainly focussed on the treatment end of the system and have neglected the preventative side of things. Perhaps that's because a gleaming new M.R.I. machine sounds more glamorous than a daily exercise routine. But it stands to sense that people following a healthy and active lifestyle are going to make fewer costly demands on the health system than a population of couch potatoes.

This is not the only reason that the board has started an initiative to encourage a higher level of fitness amongst Chinook's Edge students that is based around the "Everactive Schools" program. There are other benefits for children arising from regular vigorous exercise. First, strenuous exercise can only significantly increase cardio-vascular capacity during the growing years; if you wait to do it as an adult the chance is lost. Secondly, physically fit students learn academic subjects more effectively. This was demonstrated back in the fifties in France when a group of elementary schools broke their daily timetable into thirds. One third was academics, one third fine arts and one third physical education. One of the dramatic results was that, although the time allotment for academics had been reduced, students learned the material more quickly and thoroughly.

Finally, we all know that when we are fit we have more energy to do things. We become more active and contributing members of our group whether it is a school class, a workplace, or a family setting. Just feeling more alive is reason enough to promote the fitness route for students.

There was a time when students were more active, especially those that lived on farms. Farm work was synonymous with hard work. A day of lifting, stacking, shoveling, or post pounding with a maul would exercise the heart and lungs and tone muscles. Now, thanks to mechanization, physical effort is reduced to a minimum.

The task of getting people more active has mostly to do with changing ingrained attitudes and habits. Most people middle-aged and older won't start serious exercise unless their doctor has ordered it for medical reasons. That is why it is so important to try to establish exercise habits in children when they are more readily accepted - habits and attitudes that we hope will carry over into their adult lives. If we cannot do that then researchers predict we shall see a new phenomenon of an older generation seeing many of their middle aged children dying before them.

The opinions expressed here are my own, not necessarily those of the Board. If you wish to contact me about this or other school matters call 335-8575, fax 335-8576, or e-mail, nanatee@telusplanet.net

Wonderings of the heart

No Room In the Inn?

by Margaret Fradley

Over two thousand years ago a Savior was born in the small town of Bethlehem. There was no room in the inn, so the Christ Child, He who was to be "King of Kings and Lord of Lords;" was born in a stable. No room in the inn?

How must those inn keepers have felt when later they pondered the miraculous birth of the Son of God!

Today, over two thousand years later I often wonder is there room in the 'inn of hearts' for this King of Kings.

Does the season become enveloped with what we want, what we want to give to others, the multitude of things to be done? The season lasts for only two or three days and often afterwards there comes over us a feeling of sadness or loneliness, or even emptiness, could it be we have left little or no room in the 'inn of our hearts'?

Let us resolve this joyous and wonderful season to truly rejoice as we prepare first and foremost room in the 'inn of our hearts' for His coming in a fresh and renewed way into each of our lives. "The wonders of His love! A blessed Christmas to all.



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Gun registration hasn't worked and will never work

Dear Editor,

So finally someone in the Federal Government has taken the responsibility to state the truth about the cost of gun registration. I have no doubt at all it will be ignored and the Liberals or Conservatives will continue on their merry but brainless path ignoring Canadian Law and common sense. Ho Hum.

Does anyone check your property? The point I am making is if you haven't the means to protect yourself where will the protection come from? As a policeman unless I prevented the crime I usually arrived for the weeping part. If the people had been armed someone else would have been weeping. The criminal!

God made us free and our restraints and self control rest on our own responsibility. Can guns change our character? Is a gun in the hands of a policeman good but the same gun in the hands of a member of our family evil? Our governments would have you believe that. It is not the right of these nincompoops to tell whether we have the right to defend ourselves. Should you not have a gun because some fellow from another country doing drive by shootings and house invasions and drug dealing and calling himself a Canadian breaks the

law? Does that make you a criminal?

Ralph could have brought in the notwithstanding clause or he could have simply said the Federal Government has no right under Section 92 on the BNA Act to legislate on guns, but he took it to court which was a cruel joke. What did Ralph think those Judges appointed by the Liberals would say? Ho Hum.

Because mad men and criminals use guns should law abiding citizens give them up? If so of what value is it

to be law abiding? Do we let those who would defend themselves be sacrificed hoping to save the lives of those who sheep? If China attacked Canada tomorrow their Boy Scouts could whip our country in a few days. Is this what "Oh Canada We Stand On Guard for Thee" means?

To you from failing hands we throw the torch was then but this is now and we are yellow and Tory Lib now so John Masefield was full of prunes? Nit picking and red tape will disarm us but the United Nations one World Govern-

ment, New World Order, World Communism, World Capitalism will defend us? Do you believe that rubbish? Forget that our courts are political appointees put in place to keep their masters in power no matter how corrupt? Is that what Canada is all about?

Government paid abortions and numbers game ran by the government? Do we really need a government or do we

need the Government to just leave us alone? For security we are giving up our freedom. We live in a dictatorship which makes anything the government says we can do legal.

No my friends, I was born free in this province. You can crawl and bow and register your air gun if you want but I will not knuckle under to crooks.

Dennis Combs

Letters are welcome

Your comment on content or issues of interest to members of our community are welcome. All letters must be signed, (signature to be printed), include a phone number and address. All letters may be edited for brevity, clarity and libel.

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NOTICE

Please be advised that the Didsbury Town Council will now hold their regular council meetings every third Monday at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers.

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

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Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on January 1, 2002. Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

Dear Editor,

Wow. Christmas is almost here. Deadlines are approaching to have all names in for the Christmas Helpers annual hampers. Please make sure that no one who you know needs help this Christmas is missed. Phone Bev at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church 335-3629.

We are still in need of help with food or donations to help fill the boxes with non-perishable food items. Please take this to the church or contact Linda Sirr at 335-2378 for pick-up. Toys may be given to the Post Office.

Dates to Remember:

Dec. 22 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Gift wrapping fun for the whole family at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church.

Dec. 23 Delivery of hampers.

Dec. 25th Dinner for any one alone this year at the Elks Hall at 1:00 p.m.

Thanks for all your help to make this another successful year.

Merry Christmas,
Linda Sirr and Linda Regner

MR. DIDSBUY DRUGS

Petty theft comes at wrong time for family

To the person or persons that decided to steal the hubcaps off my vehicle last weekend:

Ho Ho Ho, verrry funny! Newly separated from my husband, my financial situation is very tight and my four kids will now find Christmas to be even less jolly than we anticipated with this very unexpected expense. Your irresponsible, unthinking, immature little prank is going to cost me \$480 + GST. We cannot even buy a real tree like we had hoped.

Christmas is not the only celebration that is being affected either, two of my kids have birthdays soon, one turning 12 this week and the other turning 2 in January. I would have my insurance replace the hubcaps, but with a claim made only last month for a parking lot "hit and run" and a deductible of \$250, the increase it would create on my premiums would end up costing more than paying for it myself. I hope your little dare, or whatever it was, made you more popular with your friends than it did me. Merry Christmas!

(Name withheld upon request)

Dear Editor,

In an article I wrote a couple of months back, I said Peter Lougheed "wouldn't" under the NEP and "neither" will Klein today under Kyoto! Won't what? He won't threaten to take Alberta out from underneath the federal heel! And why not? Today our Premier has announced: Alberta is willing to forgo its constitutional challenges of the Kyoto Protocol and start climate-change talks anew with who Klein thinks will be the next Prime Minister -Paul Martin.

Firstly it doesn't seem that Klein is supporting the Canadian Alliance, when he says he

will start talks with a new Liberal Prime Minister. The Liberals have recently been shooting themselves every time they turn around, yet it seems our Premier isn't putting his faith in the opposition (CA) but in Paul Martin? I have heard good people say they would support an independent Alberta, rather than put up with another Liberal Government! I agree! Secondly how did I ever make the call that Klein wouldn't take a strong stand in the first place? Because he and his party are firmly tied to the establishment that controls and pulls the strings in Ottawa. It doesn't so much matter if it is the Federal

Liberals, Federal Conservatives or the provincial Tories; they are the same bunch just wearing different shirts.

Klein didn't make and take the stand needed to ward off Capital Hill in gun control, he won't demand that Ottawa return to its traditional dollar

support in healthcare. Kyoto or any other dispute will get rammed down our throats as well! Albertan's are mad as "you know what" over the billion dollar gun registry.

David Klassen
President - Alberta
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Chinook's Edge student identified in bomb incident

RCMP
continue to
investigate
incident at
Innisfail
school

by Dan Singleton

RCMP have identified a male young offender believed to be connected with a suspicious package that may or may not have been a bomb found outside the Innisfail Junior/Senior High School on Dec. 2.

The youth, who cannot be named, has not been charged, although police have not ruled out laying charges at a future date, said Innisfail RCMP Sgt. Ed Plitz.

"I won't comment right now if there is or ever will be charges," said Plitz.

"We'll decide once we finish our investigation and see where we want to go with it, what will be best for the school and the youth."

The boy in question is a former student at the school, he said. The youth has not been taken into custody.

On Dec. 2 an Edmonton bomb disposal unit was called to parking lot outside the school after what police described as a "small home made ex-

plosive devise" was found hanging in a tree.

"I won't call it a bomb because we may never know if it was in fact a bomb," said Plitz. "Whether it was ever going to blow up or not we may never know."

A water cannon was used to destroy the package.

The remnants are being investigated by the RCMP Red Deer Forensics Section.

"The one end of it was somewhat intact, and

they are analyzing that," said Plitz.

There was no damage and there were no reports of injuries in the Dec. 2 incident.

On Thursday police said, "A lone male youth has been identified as the person responsible for placing this device in the tree located near the parking lot of the school."

The 11,300 student Chinook's Edge School Division includes schools in Sundre, Olds and Didsbury.

School superintendent Jim Gibbons confirmed the school board is conducting its own investigation into the matter.

"I can't tell you about an individual case, but I can tell you categorically that if we believe the presence of a student threatens the health and safety of others within the school, we remove them immediately," said Gibbons.

Meanwhile, RCMP have not ruled out a con-

nnection between the Dec. 2 incident and another school-related incident regarding Chinook's Edge which occurred last spring.

On April 23, 2002 several unsigned letters threatening police and an unnamed school in Chinook's Edge were found in an Innisfail shopping mall washroom.

In one of the notes the author used the word "shoot", police said.

"I don't believe they

are connected, but I could be wrong," said Plitz. "They seem to be different types of incidents. One was threats and one was an actual item."

No charges have been laid in the April 23 matter.



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NEWS

IN THE COURTS

Didsbury man jailed for grabbing woman by neck

A man who grabbed a woman by the neck and dragged her across the floor of a Didsbury residence last spring has been jailed.

Timothy Allan Baker pleaded guilty earlier to a charge of assault. He was sentenced in Didsbury provincial court on Dec. 9.

The accused assaulted the adult female on May 26, court heard.

She suffered bruises on the arm and neck, according to a predisposition report prepared for the court.

Obviously there is a need for a real custodial sentence, the Crown prosecutor said.

The judge agreed, ordering Baker jailed for 30 days.

The accused was also handed an 18 month probation, including anger management and alcohol abuse counselling provisions.

The Crown was also successful in obtaining a court order that the accused provide a DNA sample.

Man refused to attend counselling

A man who refused to obey a court order that he seek alcohol addiction counselling has been jailed.

Mark Chesney pleaded guilty on Dec. 11 to two charges of breach of a court order.

The accused was placed on probation in 2001 following an impaired driving conviction, court heard. A condition of that order was counselling.

The accused, who had

previous drunk driving convictions in 1985, 1992 and 1999, as well as other criminal convictions, failed to attend a treatment centre as ordered. He also failed to properly report to his probation officer.

Judge A. Fradsham ordered the accused jailed for 60 days.

Driver fined for carelessness operation

A 64-year-old man who drove into a ditch north of Sundre last

summer has been fined.

William Bruce Fraser pleaded guilty on Dec. 11 to a charge of careless driving under the Highway Traffic Act. The Crown withdrew charges of impaired driving and refusing to

provide a breath sample.

The accused was charged on July 30 when an RCMP officer patrolling on Hwy 22 north of Sundre spotted a vehicle in the ditch, court heard.

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REVIEW
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Work is still fun for young local business owner

by Richard Westlund



Ralene Papke is the new owner of Cut'N Loose Hair Design in Didsbury.

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Ralene Papke's job hasn't changed much over the last month, even though she has taken on a ton of responsibility. For years, Papke has been offering hairstyles and a variety of aesthetics, but it has been only in the past month that she has taken on her own business.

The 21-year-old purchased Cut'N Loose Hair Design at the end of November and is now turning it into something of her own.

"My job really hasn't changed that much especially in the aspect of the work I have done in the past. I am still cutting hair, I am still doing aesthetics," said Papke.

"But it has been fun so far. I have new ideas and I am looking forward to implementing them. This is something that I have always wanted to do."

So far not a lot of things have changed at Cut'N Loose. The business includes five stylists - including Papke and is set up to do aesthetics, acrylic nails, facial and body waxing, facials, make-up applications, pedicures and manicures. Cut'N Loose also carries a wide variety of product including AG, Joico and Abba lines.

While new changes haven't been made yet, Papke has plans to bring in a stand-up tanning bed to Cut'N Loose - which allows people to tan in about ten minute session by having tanning bulbs completely surrounding the body.

If there is pressure felt with the responsibilities of owning your own business, Papke isn't showing it. Her job is still fun and she is optimistic about the future.

"Everything just seems to be coming together so far," she said.

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NEWS

COUNTY

Lone Pine residents ask County for tax extension

by Richard Westlund

A handful of Lone Pine residents, upset about a perceived lack of County involvement on their behalf in dealing with a feedlot trying to expand in their area, protested at the County administration building last Friday.

The group submitted a letter addressed to Reeve Ian Harvie to County Commissioner Harold Johnsrude and sang a mock Christmas Carol outlining their plight.

Lone Pine residents have been fighting the expansion of AAA Cattle Company's application before the Natural Resource Conservation Board (NRCB) for a combined 2,000

head beef finisher and 16,200 head beef feeder facility.

The NRCB took control of Confined Feeding Operations at the beginning of the year, while Mountain View County had the responsibility before that.

The application to the NRCB was denied but is currently under appeal. AAA Cattle Company received a development permit from Mountain View County allowing them to have 2,500 head of cattle on site but have been operating over that number. The NRCB last week granted a stay on an enforcement order last week that allows AAA Cattle to operate anywhere under 4,500 head until a decision is

made on their appeal in early February.

At the hearing John Rusling of the Mountain View County Planning department told the NRCB Panel the County Municipal Planning Commission was recommending AAA Cattle receive a stay of the execution order for six months or until May 31, 2003.

Committee for Lone Pine Chair Murray Marsh told Johnsrude the residents were looking for a similar stay on the taxes they are to pay this year and handed him a letter to give to Councillors.

Johnsrude, who patiently listened to the group, said he would pass on the letter but said provincial regulations dictate that if taxes are not paid by a certain time penalties would be added.

In the letter presented to the County, Marsh argued that the County MPC's recommendation to the NRCB would allow AAA Cattle to profit by over \$100,000 based on evidence given at the Nov. 27 hearing.

Marsh stated in the letter that higher than expected legal costs have put the committee on the brink of bankruptcy and asked for a similar extension on taxes until May 31, 2003.

"Such an extension would allow our members to use funds allocated for their taxes, to pay for legal and professional costs due to the Committee. This request would save us interest costs of an estimated \$1,200, that would only be 1/100th of the financial relief allowed to AAA Cattle Company," stated the letter.

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Committee for Lone Pine Chair Murray Marsh gives County Commissioner Harold Johnsrude a letter to give to Councillors outlining a request for a tax extension.

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On behalf of the Staff and Council of Mountain View County, we wish the very best of the season to you and yours. And like you, we're hoping for a Happy and Moisture-Laden New Year!

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Enter your ideas for naming the new recreation park

by Rhonda Hunter

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name? Put your thinking cap on and get your entry in.

Of all the entries submitted, five will be selected to go to community vote. Voting will take place from January 2-22, 2003. The name that receives the most community votes will be forwarded to Town Council for their approval. Once approval is obtained, the selected name will go onto the park signage. The unveiling of park

signage and the park's name is being scheduled to take place on Family Day 2003!

There are prizes to be won - please be sure to participate!

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CHINOOK'S EDGE

Field trips discussed again

by Carla Victor

Spreading the word

Nicole Staicu, a Horizon school student colours bags from participating liquor stores in Olds as part of a Students Against Drinking and Driving (SADD) initiative to ask people to not drink and drive this holiday season. Once completed the bags will be returned to the liquor stores to get the message out that drinking and driving kills.



photo by Carla Shiels

Field trips, liability and terrorism are becoming a main course in the diet of discussion for Trustees at Chinook's Edge School Division and the December regular meeting was no exception.

Trustees unanimously gave approval to three out-of-province field trips and one out-of-country field trip for Olds and Didsbury high schools, but not before agreeing to notify parents of all the risks and liabilities.

"A lot of Boards are not sending their student anywhere," said Sandi Chalmers, vice chair for the board.

"We need to look at that - it seems all we do is look at field trip policies."

Trustees agreed to have their policy committee look at adding another clause to its field trip policy.

They will look at having schools include a letter, which will accompany every field trip permission form, requiring guardian signature, notifying them of the fact that students participating in a field trip are not covered by the Division's insurance policy for acts of terrorism, no matter where it occurs.

"I have been told the Learning Minister is not in favour of field trips outside our country," said Chalmers.

"The awareness is we need parents to know our insurance does not cover any terrorist acts."

The school board will cover a \$12,098 cost to incorporate a Youth Safe Outdoors program for every school. This new program which has been included in the field trip policy will cover off-site risk management for board members, district-level administrators and school-level administrators.

The CD which will be sent to every

school also touches on parent/guardian resource for school field trips; safety first guidelines and trip leadership.

Didsbury's cross country running team will be travelling out-of-country to Spokane, Washington to participate in the Bloomsday Run.

Didsbury High school's band members will be travelling to Penticton and Victoria, B.C. to attend band festivals for five days at the beginning of March. The band will leave Monday, March 3rd, and return Saturday, March 8th.

They are expected to miss the maximum allowable school days. Olds Jr/Sr High school will send five of its SADD (Students Against Drinking and Driving) members to a national conference in Regina, Sask., from March 20th to the 22nd. A teacher, Dave Casselman, will accompany the students.

Olds will also be sending 11 students on an exchange trip to Kingston, Ontario to attend their Heritage Fair.

The dates are still under discussion but are expected to occur between May 5th and the 12th.

Only students who receive excellence at the Heritage Fair in Red Deer last spring are eligible to participate in the program. Students must be ready and willing both to travel on the dates selected and to host a student from Kensington on the return visit. This will involve a police check and home assessment, as required by the organization funding the trip (SEVEC).

Students will be required to write a short essay, compete in a Heritage Fair, present a quality presentation about their school, community and province and sign a behavioral contract. Teachers, Sandra Dorowicz and Gayleen Rolfsesema will accompany students.

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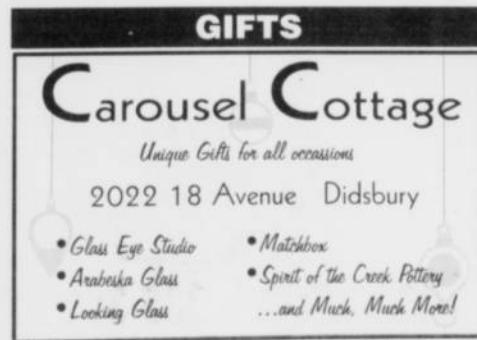
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Sparks flew when Glen O'Neill showed perfect saddlebronc form on Fire Cracker during the Stampede Finals in Calgary July 14. This last week O'Neill conquered all 10 mounts and set a NFR record with 825 points.

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O'Neill sets NFR record to claim World championship

by Barry Williams

History was made by Didsbury saddle bronc rider, Glen O'Neill, at the National Finals Rodeo held in Las Vegas from Dec. 6-15.

In claiming his first World saddle bronc championship, O'Neill conquered all ten mounts in setting an NFR record with 825 points. He won the NFR average with \$35,000 in earnings. Heading into the final round at the NFR, O'Neill trailed five-time World saddle bronc rider Dan Mortensen, of Billings Montana by \$9,000. After Mortensen failed to post a score, O'Neill needed a clean ride to claim the championship. Facing pressure, he spurred out an 87 aboard Stace Smith Pro rodeo's Wasp Dip to claim first place in the round and the

World championship by just \$6,327. With the earnings posted at the NFR, O'Neill set the Professional Rodeo Cowboys' Association saddle bronc season earnings at \$236,031.

Since immigrating from Australia in 1997, O'Neill has claimed the top three rodeo's on North American soil, the National Finals Rodeo, the 1997 Calgary Stampede and the CFR. He won the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association saddle bronc championship in 2000.

Earlier this year, O'Neill won the Wrangler Pro Rodeo Series saddle bronc championship in Dallas, Texas.

Big Valley saddle bronc rider, Rod Warren finished eighth in the NFR average with \$18,264 in earnings. At the conclusion of the rodeo season Warren won \$96,213 for a ninth place fin-

ish in World standings. Meanwhile, Rod Hay, of Wildwood, AB., placed third in the world standings with earnings of \$165,473. Hay placed third in the NFR average with \$16,350 in winnings.

For only the second time in the NFR history, bull rider, Blue Stone, of Odgen, Utah, won back to back World championships. Stone won the NFR average with 520 points on six head and winnings of \$35,705. With \$157,705 in earnings this season, he outdistanced Myron Durate, of Auburn, Washington by \$10,000. The last bull rider to win back to back World titles was Rodeo Hall Of Famer Don Gay in 1980-81.

Calf roper, Fred Whitfield, of Hockley, Texas clinched his sixth World title. Only two other calf

ropers have won six titles, Roy Cooper and Joe Beaver. Whitfield has tossed a quick lasso all year and wound up with season earnings of \$237,638.

Bull dogger, Lee Graves, of Calgary, placed tenth in the steer wrestling event with \$94,802 in winnings. Veteran dogger, Sid Steiner won the steer wrestling World title with \$162,516 in earnings.

Richmond, Oregon, bareback rider Bobby Mote won the World title with \$174,377 in winnings.

In the ladies' barrel racing, Cowley's Carol Barr placed sixth with winnings of \$100,100. After a brief hiatus for the Christmas holiday, the participants will hit the rodeo trail in January in hopes of capturing a 2003 World championship.

Variety of Grizzlys' players contributing offensively

by Barry Williams

Despite being one of the Alberta Junior Hockey League's top offensive teams, the Olds Grizzlies have no players within the top 20 in league scoring.

According to statistics released from the AJHL office on Monday, Dec. 10, Carstairs minor hockey product, Mark Bomersback, of the Canmore Eagles, leads league scoring with 68 points on

24 goals and 44 assists. Brett Hopfe, the Grizzlies top scorer is in 23rd place with 48 points.

In the past three games, the Grizzlies have had 12 different players inked on the scoresheet which, indicates the scoring is being spread around amongst all four lines. Grizzlies' Head coach/General Manager, Brett Cox, isn't concerned with the league's latest stats indicating he would rather see the scoring spread

throughout the team.

"All four lines can put the puck in the net so regardless of which line is on the ice the opposition coaches have to be concerned," Cox said.

"Our power play has been taking advantage of their opportunities and scoring consistently," added Cox, noting the Grizzlies can use two productive power play units.

Defensively, the Grizzlies have been playing a solid game behind the blue line and Cox seems relatively satisfied the goals against average is going down.

Stressing the crest on the front of the sweater is more important than the name on the back, Cox emphasizes team work combined with a strong work ethic.

"It takes a strong effort from every player dressed for the game to be successful and lately the work ethic has

been very good," Cox added.

In league action played in Coleman on Mon. Dec. 8, the Grizzlies edged the Crowsnest Pass Timberwolves 6-5 while, on Tues. Dec. 10, the Camrose Kodiaks doubled the Grizzlies 6-3 in action played in Camrose. On Fri. Dec. 13, the Grizzlies shut-out the Bonnyville Pontiacs 6-0 in Bonnyville. They concluded their four game road trip with an exciting 3-2 win over the Lloydminster Blazers on Sat. Dec. 14.

In Coleman, the teams played a wide open game exchanging goals throughout the contest. As a result of the play, the momentum in the contest kept swinging from team to team. At the end of the first period, the Grizzlies held a 2-1 margin and after forty minutes of play, the teams were deadlocked at 3-3. In the final frame, the Grizzlies opened up a 6-3 margin by the 10 minute mark.

Hockey players return to Didsbury for special game

by Richard Westlund

Three local hockey players will return home to play on Didsbury Ice when the Airdrie Lightning Bantam AA team takes on the Chicago Little Ceasars.

Josh Robertson, Danny Miller and Ryan Miller, all players with the Airdrie squad will face off against the American team Dec. 27 at 1 p.m. at the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

The game, which is a Didsbury Mi-

nor Hockey fundraising event, will feature a teddy bear toss after Airdrie scores its first goal. At that time stuffed animals will be thrown on the ice and then given to charity. The game will also support the food bank, as event organizers have decided to take non-perishable food items as an admission charge.

The game will take place at the same time as the Mac's Major Midget tournament gets underway where the Little Ceasars Midget team will be competing.

Mountain View Colts Alumni game will be played in Carstairs

by Richard Westlund

An alumni game featuring Mountain View Colts of the past will be played Dec. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Carstairs Arena.

Players who were with the team when it was first formed to players who played their final season last year will

be among those participating in the event.

Players like Jason Brander, Brent Youngs and Trent VanDam are among some of the players who have been invited to the game this year.

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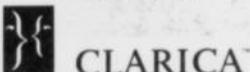
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Bus Trip

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Annual Rosebud Christmas Concert & Potluck at Rosebud Hall on Dec. 21, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. Bring a main dish and dessert or main dish and salad. Santa to visit.

Meeting

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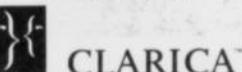
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Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info call Deborah at the Town Office at 335-8343.

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Santa Claus will make several stops in Didsbury

St. Nick preparing for his annual around-the-world journey to deliver toys

by Richard Westlund

In an exclusive telephone interview with the Didsbury Review, Santa Claus said he will be delivering toys to a higher than usual number of good kids in the Didsbury area this year.

Santa, who will be verifying his list a second time sometime after Dec. 20, said initial indications suggest that local young ones have been better this year than in the past.

"For some reason or another kids have been listening to their parents, have been good to each other at school and are eating their vegetables," said Santa, from his office at the North Pole. "We have been extremely happy that this has forced us to make more toys this year," he added.

Even though it is late in the year, Santa said it is not too late for some kids to get back on the good list.

"I've made a list but I need to check it twice. Sometimes kids get moved on to the good list at the last minute."

Meanwhile at the North Pole, elves are busy putting finishing touches on the toys being made in the workshop. Santa was behind schedule at this time last year, but by upgrading some of the machinery used at the North Pole, everything seems to be on schedule this season.

The sleigh is ready to go and the reindeer are in tip-top shape. Santa said he couldn't remember the last time the reindeer were as ready as they are now to pull the sleigh.

"I have to give a lot of credit to the reindeer. They put a lot of effort into getting ready for Christmas every year, and they have always got the job

done.

"This year they took it upon themselves to be in even better shape and right now we are happy for that extra effort.

"There is a lack of snow in many areas this year including around Didsbury.

"While we do fly through the air landing and taking off of rooftops that are dry is a little harder on the reindeer's legs."

Santa said new lights have been put on the sleigh - something that is done every year - and that the runners just need to be painted.

While the reindeer have muscled up for this year's journey, the same can't be said about Santa. Although he started exercising in March to get in shape for the trip, Santa's exercise regime fell off at June and he has put on five pounds since the beginning of the fall.

Santa said part of that is Mrs. Claus's fault as she bakes treats for him all of the time. He is still hoping to get the standard "milk and cookie treatment" from some households but admits it might be better for him if a few children would leave some carrot or celery sticks for him.

"Just make sure you leave some ranch dressing out as well," said Santa saying it helps him to eat his vegetables.

Santa is planning to leave on his journey early in the evening of Dec. 24 and will start to deliver presents in Australia.

He will travel with the earth's rotation to make the night last as long as he possibly can.

He said a larger world population has changed the way things are done in the past so that everyone can be accommodated.

Santa finished the interview by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and he hopes everyone will be safe during Christmas Eve.

"Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night," said Santa.



Santa Claus is now at the North Pole making last-minute preparations for his journey.

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Joseph son of David was saved by the baby he cradled

by Pastor Robert Mohns
Redeemer Lutheran Church

Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

We know very little of the man Joseph. He was a descendant of King David. He was a carpenter by trade living in the northern town of Nazareth. God called Joseph to be the husband of Mary of whom was born Jesus who is called the Christ. God called upon Joseph to give His Son His name- Jesus. In fulfillment of the requirements of the covenant that God

had established with Israel Joseph along with Mary presented Jesus in the temple. Matthew records simply "And he gave him the name Jesus." When Jesus' life was threatened faithful Joseph was called upon to move the holy family to Egypt. And when Jesus grew in years Joseph brought Jesus to the temple in fulfillment of the ceremonial requirements of the Law. As quickly as Joseph appeared on the scene so he quickly disappears. We don't know what happened to Joseph. The focus of the story is not on Joseph it is on Jesus.

When I look at Joseph I can not help but think of the great mystery of the grace of God that has been revealed to you and me. Here is the mystery of Christmas: In the fullness of time, in human form, in a tiny baby

Study the story of Joseph. Find cradled in his arms the One you are looking for. Listen to his voice as he speaks the name of the One you long to know- Jesus!

that Joseph could pick up in his arms and love, the Almighty God of universe drew near. The one who Joseph presently took up in his arms would embrace Joseph as his Savior. The one who Joseph protected by traveling to Egypt would protect Joseph by travelling to the cross. Jesus took on sin, death and Satan and defeated them so that Joseph and all the faithful to follow would be safe from their worst enemies. The one who Joseph named would write Joseph's name in the book of life and intercede for before His Father in heaven. Joseph sheltered Jesus in a cattle stall, in a manger but the one whom Joseph cradled would bring him into the mansions of heaven.

Here is good news for every hurting or lonely soul. Study the story of Joseph. Find cradled in his arms the One you are looking for. Listen to his voice as he speaks the name of the One you long to know- Jesus!

God in Christ Jesus has drawn near to us and called us by name. "Fear not!" He proclaims to us. In the Words of Holy Scripture God has cradled His Son for us to lovingly embrace Him with the arms of faith. Even though we have nothing to offer him than the rudeness of our hearts cluttered with sin and fears and doubting, know this dear friend your heart is the place

where Jesus desires to dwell.

St. Matthew's account of Jesus' birth brings to mind another "Joseph," one whom many in our community have met. Howard Krebs played Joseph in our church's live nativity program. This was no play-acting for Howard. He truly was a servant of the Lord. He joyfully looked forward every Christmas to the opportunity to point people to Jesus. The twinkle in his eye - the joy of the Gospel was genuine. And just like Joseph of old, our beloved Joseph has moved too quickly off the scene to join with all the saints and angels in heaven no longer to gather at a stable and a manager but now before throne of the Prince of Peace and King of Kings!

In the meantime we have been looking for a Joseph. That brings us to the title of this message. No! I am not going to tell you who will play Joseph this year. You will just have to come to the live nativity and find out for yourselves! But the question remains for you and me? Who will follow in the footsteps of that blessed saint?

"And he gave him the name Jesus..." That is how the nativity story ends in the Gospel of Matthew. We learn from faithful Joseph that Christmas is not only about receiving Jesus by faith, it is also about serving Jesus with the grace that we have received from Him. Who will be Joseph this year?

Every year I look forward to our gathering together at the manger scene. My prayer is that God would stir up in us His grace and gather us together, not only at the manger but finally around His glorious throne. Then the reason for this season will be fulfilled and our joy complete! God's Blessings to you in Christ!



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The good news is Jesus, as it has been for 2,000 years

by Rev. Bob Bettson
St. Cyprian's Anglican Church

Greetings.

Jesus Christ, born in a stable in Bethlehem is the light of the world. I would like to quote brief Christmas reflection from Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury several decades ago which speaks to this reality of light in the midst of darkness:

"Our Christmas is no less Christmas and our joy is no less joyful, because we are keeping Christmas with a very dark and troubled world around us.

We cannot banish from our minds the miseries in the poorer countries; the continuing griefs of racial and political strife; the many in the world who are without homes or without food; the many who are lonely and without friends to cheer them.

Our rejoicing at Christmas is not an escape from life's grim realities into a fancy realm of religion and festivity. Rather it is a joy that, as we face and feel the world's tragedy, we know that God has an answer: an answer for mankind to receive. In a word, this is a time of hope.

Christmas says: Christ has taken humanity to himself, and so every man and woman and child in the world is lovable and infinitely precious. And in response, man and women treat one another—whatever their race or colour, in light of Bethlehem; or they can, in rejecting the human dignity of their fellows, reject their own dignity too.

There is a tendency, understandable, to romanticize the story of the nativity. In doing so we can lose some of the power of the story of how God chose to come into the world in hu-

man form.

The situation in early Palestine was far from idyllic. The Jews were living under brutal Roman rule. Taxes were extracted, regardless of ability to pay. Lawbreakers, particularly those who defied Roman authority were put to death by one of the cruellest means of execution imaginable—crucifixion.

Zealots who opposed Roman rule resorted to what we would now call terrorism. Palestine was a dusty outpost in the Roman empire, and for the Romans who ruled it was exile, long from their home.

They couldn't understand the Jewish monotheistic religion, and its hold over the people. They prayed to many Gods, and gave their Emperor the status of a God.

It is significant that Jesus came into this world as God's incarnate son, not in pomp and splendour in a huge palace with many attendants, but in a stable, a place where animals stayed. He was born to an ordinary family, with an extraordinary mission and calling.

Jesus also was part of a family of refugees. As we consider those who are fleeing persecution in their native countries to come to Canada, we need to remember Jesus and his family fled Palestine to go to Egypt to avoid Herod's murderous campaign against all infant boys—in his futile effort to prevent a Messiah from coming.

So God chose a remarkably humble and relatively inconspicuous way of entering the world in human form.

That choice is significant because it teaches us that outward appearances of wealth and power are not important.

It is what is in our hearts which

counts. And the Good News which the Angels announce is not only a matter of personal salvation, it is a call to repentance, a call to hope, a call to a new way of life.

We are called to live in community, to model the life of Christ, living in peace and justice, loving each other.

The good news is Jesus, as it has been for two thousand years.

I wish you all a blessed Christmas. May the joy of the birth of Christ warm your hearts, and spread to all those who you love and care for.

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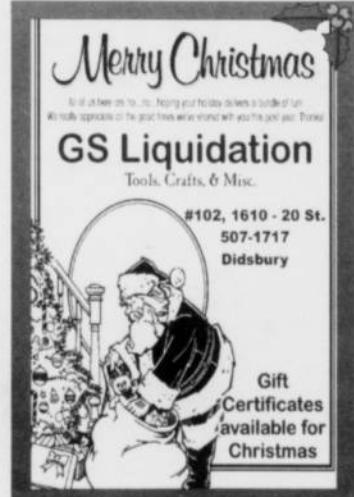
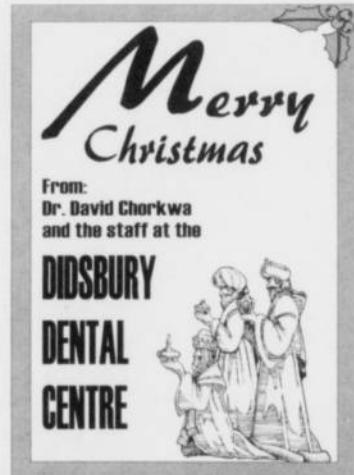
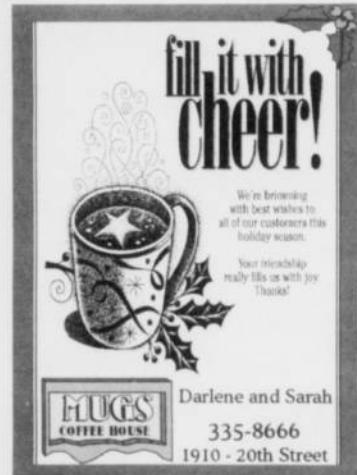
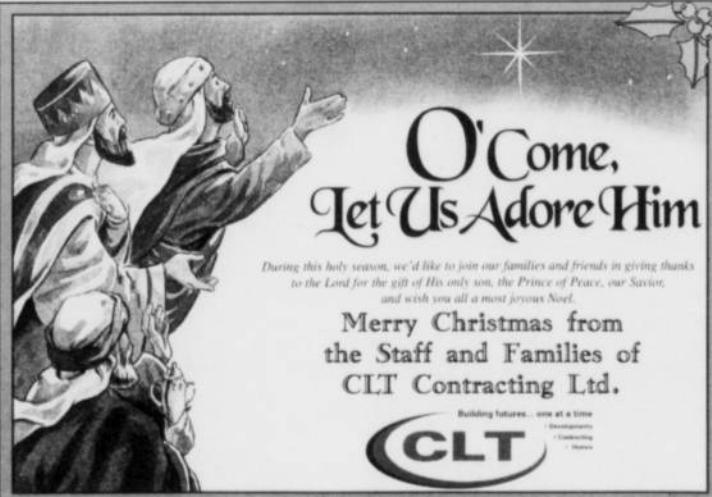
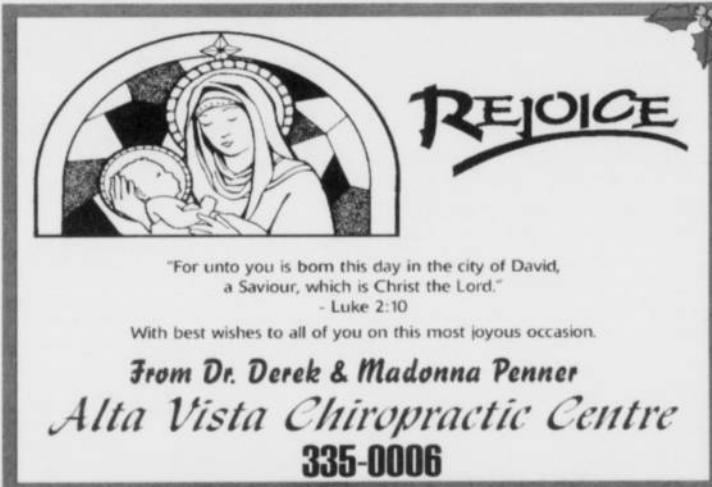
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LIFESTYLES



At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

Little Amy McCoy was her Mama's joy,
And her Daddy's precious jewel.
She was four years old and extremely smart,
Though she'd never been to school.
Each day as she played with her dolls and toys,
Amy sang long complex songs,
About loves and losses, hopes and dreams,
Triumphs, rights and wrongs.
Her memory was amazing,
She never forgot a word,
And her voice was the voice of an angel,
The sweetest you've ever heard.
"She should be in the Christmas Concert,
Singing two songs, maybe more."
Her parents could see it so clearly,
"She's a star, and she's only four."
Her mama made Amy's outfit,
White silk, pearl buttons and lace,
And puffy sleeves and a wide blue sash,
And a cute, grown up, dropped waist.
Papa practiced the music,
He played the piano well.
And Amy sang like a lark at dawn,
Voice clear as a silver bell.
First they practiced, After the Ball,
And, The Girl that I adore,
Then they worked a lot on Summertime,
To use as an encore.
Miss Amy never missed a note,
She never forgot a line.
For a four year old she was wonderful.
For a ten year old she was fine.
The day of the Concert finally came,
Nervous wrecks were her Dad and Mom.
Amy sat in the eye of the storm,
In her new dress, cool and calm.
She waited sweetly just offstage,
Every curl in its proper place,
They called her name and she came onstage
And curtsied with poise and grace.
Papa's piano struck a chord,
The MC began to speak,
But Amy's little mouth froze shut,
And she uttered a startled squeak.
Daddy played the whole first verse,
And encouraged her with his eyes.
Mama made little futile waves,
And soft little anxious cries.
Grandpa, sitting in the front row,
First smiled and then looked fearful.
School Board members fidgeted,
And poor Grandma became tearful.
Little Amy bent her pretty head,
And stared at the worn, wood floor.
And when finally she spoke she said,
Don't you know I'm only four.

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Seasonal songs

Carollers fill the night air with song during *A Didsbury Country Christmas* held on Nov. 27.

"Quietly, like snow ..."

by R. W. Cheesmur

Quietly, like snow, He came,
During the night,
While men were sleeping
Heedless, wrapped in themselves,
He wrapped the world in white;
Wrapped it around in love,
To hide its scars and cover all its hate
With sparkling grace,
And give, for cold and callous sinning,
Deep drifts of mercy,

No sound disturbed the stillness, no earthquake tremor, No trumpet flourish, Though some, a few; Keeping sheep-vigil on the Bethlehem plain, Avowed in whispered awe That from the high, star-studded canopy Voices were heard, and angel hosts were seen Who sang of peace on earth, and brotherhood, And God's good will to men.

But not for ever could the manger birth be kept a secret For, just as snowfall in the night Is seen at daybreak through the frosted panes, So, as that Life, begun among us, grew, And, man-shaped, walked the Galilean lanes. The world looked out, became aware of heaven's gift, And Common people, like the shepherds, saw And welcoming, worshipped.

But snow's not meant to stay, And soon, the great night-guarded secret out, The thaw sets in. The blinding whiteness fades, earth's elements show through, And alien hate, resolved on murder, With violent hands the Christ Child crucifies, And Christmas now gives place to Calvary.

The King, once manger - cradled, Hangs from an ugly cross; For wise men's homage, wears a crown of thorns, For gold, transfixing nails, For frankincense, spittle and cursing, For myrrh, mad mockery and loneliness, And, like the snow, all melted clean away, Leaving the dark earth bare and unbeautified, Seems now he grace of God departed, And love and peace gone from the realms of men.

But hope's not gone, love's not entombed for ever!
Winter must bow to spring.
And Easter brings a glad, new song - from heaven's messengers.

"He is not here, He's risen, as He said!"

Now Pentecost has come, And melted snows begin their ministry; to supply the thirst of growing things
To turn great turbines, bringing light and power
Within the reach of millions,

All this, Because He came one night
Quietly to earth . . . "For God so loved . . .
Let Him come quietly to where you are,
Be cradled in your heart, to live and grow,
And, through your new-found summer,
Bring warmth and radiance to the world you know.

Didsbury & District Seniors Support Services

Friends and fun

A very big thank you to Doreen McEwen for the fun sing-along on Dec. 5th. We all enjoyed the music and fun so much and look forward to our next time together on Jan 9th at the train station. All seniors, men and women, are invited to attend this free program and join in the fun from 1:00 to 4:00 every Thursday afternoon at the train station!

With all the special treats enjoyed this time of year I thought I would include some tips found in Canada's Physical Activity Guide for Older Adults over the next few weeks. Tip #1 Add up your physical activities during the day. Your goal is to build up your activities to 10-minute segments that total 30 to 60 minutes a day. Build up gradually. Don't try to do too much at once. You'll be amazed how quickly you begin to feel more energetic, stronger and more flexible. Start with five minutes of stretch and hold activities.

Stretch slowly without bouncing, or jerking the movements. Aim for a stretched, relaxed feeling - avoid pain. Breathe naturally don't hold your breath.

Don't forget to include your time out at Friends & Fun - see you there! !

Christmas Church Services

by Marge St. Clair

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Dec. 20 - 7:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program.

Dec. 21, 22, 23 - 7:45 p.m. each night - Live Nativity.

Dec. 24 - 7:30 p.m. Candlelight service.

Dec. 25 - 10:30 a.m. morning service.

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church

Dec. 22 - 10:30 a.m. Advent Holy Communion and special music presentation by the children & youth of the Parish.

Dec. 24 - 4:30 p.m. Family Communion with strings; 8:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion with strings.

Dec. 29 - 10:30 a.m. Lessons & carols with the choir.

Knox United Church

Dec. 22 - 10:00 a.m. Sunday of Love; 7:00 p.m. Sunday school pageant with a pot luck dessert to follow afterwards.

Dec. 24 - 7:00 p.m. Family Celebra-

tion of stories and songs; 10:00 p.m. Candlelight and Communion Service

Chinook Winds Christian Centre

Dec. 22 - 6:00 p.m. A Christmas Celebration.

Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

Dec. 22 - 10:00 a.m. Christmas Celebration.

Dec. 24 - 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service.

Bergthal Mennonite Church

Dec. 22 - 10:00 a.m. Morning Service; 7:00 p.m. Sunday School Program.

Dec. 24 - 7:00 p.m. service.

Dec. 25 - 10:30 a.m. service with the Christmas Dinner to follow.

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

Dec. 22 - 11:00 a.m. Childrens Christmas Program; 7:00 p.m. Christmas choir.

Dec. 24 - 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

St. Anthony's Catholic Church

8:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at the Didsbury Complex M.P. Room.

POETRY

December Whispers

Here's to the happiest time of the year,

To great secret presents, like new hockey gear;

Full spectrum of giving, spread out to include,

Golf club or a glove or subscription renewed,

All players and coaches, assistants and fans,

Encouraged to add pleasant words to their plans

Make haste to be happy, be quick to be kind,

Make Christmas a season of Peace for the mind

This poem wishes health to the whole sporting race,

And relegates bitterness into last place.

Let's have an ace season, let's each be a star,

Chill out and be happy, wherever we are.

rook up! Smell the roses and join in the mirth,

For we are the luckiest Sports Fans, on Earth,

- Frank Pavlick
Canada's Sports Poet

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

As we wrap up another year, we wish you all the blessings of the holiday season and thank you for the courtesy and friendship you've shown to us this past year.

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Southwest Didsbury News

by Bessie Eckstrand

Best wishes go to Mrs. Cindy Feeg of west Didsbury who returned home on Dec. 10th from having open heart surgery in Toronto on Dec. 2nd. Hope you will be feeling much better soon Cindy.

Sympathy of the area is expressed to Murray & Sally King & families as Murray's 99 yr. old Grandfather Sam Zahursky of Arrowood passed away on Dec. 5th. He was buried on what would

have been his 67th wedding anniversary.

Dorothy Auxbury from Comox Vancouver Island was visiting her daughter, Ksan Fawns, to help celebrate grandson Tage's first birthday.

Combining has been going along a little tough, but at least its nearly done, quite a job this year, rewards aren't very high.

I would like to extend Christmas & New Years Greetings to Review Owner Gene Hartmann & family, staff & readers of the paper.



Wishing you a
Merry Christmas &
a Memorable
New Year!

May the miracle of Christmas be yours to cherish, filled with family and friends. We feel gifted that you place your trust in us. Have a Joyous Noel and Happy New Year!

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS



We're putting on the dog to say,
Hope your season's purr-fect in every way.
And to all our best friends far and near,
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

FROM ALL OF US

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LIFESTYLES

Focus on the Family



QUESTION: Help! I'm a mother of two sons, and I feel as if I've been thrust into a strange, new world. Are boys always so rough? Sometimes the noise level in our house is more than I can take! Is this normal?

DR. DOBSON: I've got both good and bad news for you — it is normal, so you'd better get used to it and learn to cope!

One of my colleagues, Dr. Tim Irwin, once shared his observation that women who have not grown up with brothers are often shocked by the sheer physicality of boys — by the sights and sounds and smells they generate. Some, like you, admit they are completely "clueless" in knowing how to deal with them.

One obvious suggestion is to help boys release their excess energy by getting them involved in activities where fighting, laughing, running, tumbling and yelling are acceptable. Soccer, karate, Little League and football are a few possibilities.

Moms also need to keep boys' little minds and hands busy. It's in their best interest to do so. My father once said about our energetic toddler, "If you let that kid get bored, you deserve what he's going to do to you." Shirley's stepfather, who has a South Dakota accent, once said after baby-sitting our kids for a week, "Oh, der good kids. You just gotta keep 'em out in da open." Good advice!

QUESTION: You've often said that boys and men are usually not natural communicators. Boy, does that describe the "men" in my life! What can I do to keep everyone talking to one another?

DR. DOBSON: Every family needs at least one highly communicative person in the home, and it looks like you are the one. Many boys are inclined to bottle up whatever frustration they are carrying inside. Unless you take the initiative to pull them out, some of them may withdraw within themselves and stay there emotionally. I urge you to do whatever is required to get into your son's world. Keep talking and exploring and teaching. Communication is the goal.

Everything depends on it. In 1991 Saddam Hussein and his Iraqi army invaded the tiny, oil-rich country of Kuwait and subjected its people to terrible brutality. Their troops were poised to attack Saudi Arabia and thereby control half the world's oil supply. President George Bush demanded repeatedly that Hussein withdraw his forces, but he stubbornly refused.

Thus, on Jan. 17 of that year, Operation Desert Storm was launched. Several hundred thousand allied troops attacked the Iraqi army from land, sea and air.

What do you think was the first objective of the battle? You might expect it to have been Saddam's tanks, or his planes, or his frontline soldiers.

Instead, the allies destroyed the Iraqis' communication network. Stealth bombers smashed it with smart bombs and other weapons.

In so doing, our forces interfered with the ability of the Iraqi generals to talk to each other.

They had no way to coordinate their effort or direct the movements of their army. The war ended a few weeks later.

What happened in Desert Storm has direct relevance for families. When the communicative link between members breaks down, they become disorganized and distant from each other.

If husbands and wives stop talking to each other, or if parents and children grow silent, they slip into misunderstanding and resentment. Steel-reinforced barriers are erected, and anger prevails. For many families, this is the beginning of the end. Let me urge you mothers to talk regularly to your sons (and, of course, to every other member of the family).

It is a skill that can be taught. Work hard at keeping the lines of communication open and clear. Explore what your children and your spouse are thinking and feeling. Target your boys, especially, because they may be concealing a cauldron of emotion.

When you sense a closed spirit developing, don't let another day go by without bringing hidden feelings out in the open.

It's the first principle of healthy family life.

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NOTES FROM NIGERIA

Missionaries reflect about what they are thankful for

Dear Family and Friends,

At this Christmas time and as our time in North America comes quickly to a close, we reflect on some of the things that make us thankful. I know that Thanksgiving was in October or November (depending on which side of the 49th parallel you're on), but "be thankful" doesn't have a date on it.

Especially at this time of year we are grateful for the Christ child who came so that we can be free from sin. This is the greatest gift of all — being back on speaking terms with our Heavenly Father and enjoying His company every day of the year. If we had nothing else, this would make us rich. However, we have so much more.

We are thankful for the sights and sounds of Christmas. In many ways Christmas in North America is much more commercialized than in Nigeria but some of it is very enjoyable. We have enjoyed all the Christmas light around town. The beauty and color reminds us of the One who is the Light of the world. We have also enjoyed the Christmas music. We never seem to sing the Christmas carols enough and the words and music are such encouragements of hope. What a joy to be in a community where so many special Christmas activities and services are available. We are thankful to the many churches in Didsbury that have special Christmas presentations that we can enjoy. We are just sorry that some of them are at the same time so we can't attend all of them.

We have had the privilege of living in Didsbury for most of our time at 'home'. We are thankful for the community spirit that is alive and well here. Janet's Mom visited us here and was impressed that people cared about each other and for their town. Where she lives that is not the case. It's

easy to take things for granted. We are thankful for a place to live where people have pride in their community and show it in many ways.

We are thankful for friends and relatives. During our limited time in North America we have seen quite a few of our relatives — a month in the States helped with seeing Janet's sisters. We've also renewed acquaintances with many friends and made new ones.

The abundance of 'things' is something else that we are thankful for. In Nigeria when we go shopping we can choose between maybe two or three brands or different qualities. Here the selection is much larger and we enjoy that. We 'stock up' for when we return — hence the bank balance suffers! Also, we are grateful for the abundance of things in terms of the quality of goods. Even in the less expensive stores we get good things. Indeed, we have much to be thankful for.

For our health and the medical facilities available here, we are grateful. We've had colds and some down times, but basically we've been healthy. We went to the dentist, optometrist, chiropractor, and the Missionary Health Institute and we have a clean bill of health. Just talk to someone who isn't healthy and you'll know why you should be thankful for your health. As we grow older, we can do less and have more aches and pains, but God has blessed us with strong, able bodies.

Many of you have heard

about the trouble in Nigeria these past weeks with the Miss World Pageant. So much violence and so many lives lost over a careless statement made in the media. What a privilege it is to live in Canada in safety and security. Though we know God has called us to be in Nigeria at this time of our lives, we are realistic about the danger we may face there. We are thankful we come from a country that has freedom of religion. We know that there are tensions between different nationalities and races at times in Canada but acceptance of others here is more the norm rather than the exception. As we remember the promise of 'peace on earth' given the first Christmas may we, wherever we are, do our part to bring peace to our own neighborhoods and communities. Let us show the same love that caused God to send his Son to earth for our salvation.

In Romans it talks about those who were not thankful. It indicates that they lost sight of reality and started doing all kinds of wrong things. Let us avoid that same fate by acknowledging God for who He is and being thankful.

A big THANK YOU to the many of you who have enriched our lives in so many ways: by conversations, gifts, challenges, friendship, hospitality, and just being there. May the peace that passes all understanding, that comes from the Prince of Peace be yours at this Christmas time and throughout the year.

Sincerely,
Dan and Janet Snyder

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2037 - 24th Ave, Didsbury 335-4664
Priest: the Rev. Bob Bettison
B.A., M.Div. Home: 335-9123
Sunday Worship and Sunday School at 10:30 am
Early Service of 8:30 am
Second and fourth Sunday's
Mid-week service every third Wednesday at 9:30 am.
St. Cyprian's is a small, friendly Christian community
which welcomes newcomers.

Berghal Mennonite Church

Didsbury, Alberta
5km South of the Didsbury overpass
8km East on Berghal Rd.
Sunday School: 9:45am
Sunday Worship Service: 10:55am
Pastor: Elwin Garland
For more information ph. 335-4451

Redeemer Lutheran

LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA
1500-23rd.
Hearing Impaired: 335-3161 / Res: 335-3656
Church: 335-3161 / Res: 335-3656
Sunday School: 9:30a.m.
Adult Bible Study Sunday: 9:30a.m.
Worship: 10:30a.m.
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sun.: 10:30a.m.
Jr. & Senior Youth, Women's & Seniors
Ministry Group, Small Group Bible Study meetings
throughout the week.

St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24th Ave, Didsbury Phone 556-3084
Catechism classes: Tuesdays at 3:30p.m.
Church Social: the 3rd weekend of the month
Contact Claude Baril at 335-3842
CWL Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month 1:00 p.m.

Zion Evangelical Missionary

Church
2030-21st Ave
Phone: 335-2629
Grant Sikstrom, Senior Pastor
Josh Munian, Associate Pastor
Youth Pastor Colin Creighton
Worship Celebration: 10:00 am
Life groups, Teen Activities & Children's programs.

Mountain View

Evangelical Missionary Church
(14km East of Didsbury)
Pastor John Lucas
Office: 335-4422
Home: 335-8923
Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
For info. Concerning weekly activities
please call the Church office.

Chinook Winds Christian Centre

1710 - 145th Didsbury
SUNDAY CELEBRATION: 10a.m.
Prophetic Worship and Bible Teaching
for all ages - Nursery Service
Every Sunday at 6 p.m. Worship & Prayer
ph/fx: 335-3551 email: cwcc@cenet.ca
Call 335-3373 for Open Sky Learning Centre
The HUB teen drop in centre Friday 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Pastoral Team: Richard & Beth Kope
See you at the centre!

West Zion Mennonite Church

South of Didsbury to sign - West 1 1/2 miles
Pastor Trevor Krieka, Info: 337-2020
Sept. 1st - June 20th
Sunday School - 10a.m.
Worship Service - 10:55 a.m.
Nursery available during service.
Everyone Welcome!

See You in Church This Sunday!

AROUND THE CIRCLE

No one should be alone with Christmas at Elk's Hall

by Marge St. Clair

Fri. Dec. 20

If your team plans on being in the Annual Farm & Ranch Bonspiel at the Didsbury Curling Rink being held from Jan. 6 - 11/03, this is the last day for you to get your entry in to Neil Youngs at 335-4496. There are no boundaries, as long as you farm in the surrounding areas. The banquet & pick-a-prize table and door prizes will be on Sat. Jan. 11 in the MP Room in the Memorial Complex. Men, mixed and ladies rinks most welcome.

Sat. Dec. 21

Cribbage will be held tonight at the Elks Hall with play starting at 7:30 p.m. Phone Jim or Sharon at 335-3481 to register and more details.

Sat. Dec. 21

The annual Christmas Concert and Pot luck Supper will be held at Rosebud Community Hall at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a main dish and salad or dessert. Santa will make a stop to visit all.

Sun. Dec. 25

If you will be alone this Christmas, or if you will have no relatives visiting

or can't get to any relatives, you will be welcomed to the Elks Hall where Christmas Dinner is being served at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a wrapped gift for the gift exchange.

Tues. Dec. 31

The Mountain View Community New Year's Eve Party will be held at the Hall with cocktails at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m., dancing at 9:00 p.m. Midnight lunch and party favors. Tickets from Sherry 335-9347 and Shawn 335-3694.

Circle these events on your calendar for early in 2003.

Sun. Jan. 5

The Annual General meeting of the Didsbury Ag Society will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Didsbury Curling Rink Lounge.

Thurs. Jan. 9

The Hospital Auxiliary will meet at 2:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital. New members most welcome.

Fri. Jan. 10

The Seniors are going on a Casino Trip to Calgary leaving the 5-0 Centre at 10:00 a.m. Please phone Bea 335-3058 or Gen at 335-3449 to reserve your seat.

Jan. 13 - 18th

The Seniors Open Bonspiel is being held at the Didsbury Curling Rink, daytime curling only. Cash prizes, a wonderful dinner, get your entries in to Angus at 335-8241 or the Curling Rink 335-3661.

Tues. Jan. 14

The Mountain View Christian Women's Club monthly breakfast will be held at the Redeemer Lutheran Church from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. "Vibrantly Alive" is the theme. Special Speaker - Linda Honey. Special Music - Clara, Ruth & Alma. Special Feature - Updated Travel Tips - Linda. For rides or reservations, please phone Deb 337-3487 or Margie 335-3765. Free babysitting is supplied

by the Club. Please remember to honor, cancel or give your reservations to a friend.

Wed. Jan. 15

A blood donor clinic is being held in the MP Room at the Didsbury Complex from 3:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Please phone 1-888-236-6283 for an appointment but walk ins are most welcome. Come and donate and help the O.O.R.E Ladies make this a real success.

Another year is quickly drawing to a close. My sincere thanks to all who bring me their club news so we can visit and to all who phone me their community events. Christmas Greetings and a Happy New Year to All.

Alone this Christmas?

You are invited to spend Christmas with new friends at the Elk's Hall at 1 p.m.. Please bring a small wrapped gift. See you there.

Merry Christmas

**FROM
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TO YOURS**

We always make it our policy to offer sincere best wishes and heartfelt thanks to all of those who have helped to insure our success.

We really appreciate your trust in us.

(403) 335-3365 Calgary Direct (403) 263-2267

Please stop by for our "Open House" on Monday, December 23rd from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Dec. 25-26.....	Closed
Dec. 27.....	9 am - 12 pm
	1 pm - 5 pm
Dec. 31.....	9 am - 12 pm
	1 pm - 3 pm
Jan. 1.....	Closed
Jan. 2-3.....	9 am - 12 pm
	1 pm - 5 pm

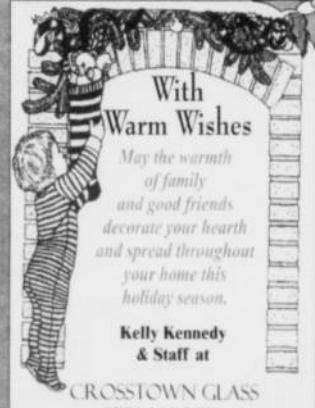
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**Grade 1A - Tabitha Powell
Ross Ford School****Dear Santa Claus.**

Thank you for the stuf dog. Thank you for the stuf cat. Can you please bring my babrr abney asnok please. I would like a hamstr. Please bring our world peace. How is Rudolph?

Love Teal

Dear Santa Claus.

Thank you for mittens. Can you please bring mom a d shs. I would like a fon a kmr and a brobie. a please bring our world joy. hru rnbeflu?

Love Stephanie

Dear Santa Claus.

Thank you for my Dog. Thank you for my candy cane. Can you please bring my mom a candle? I would like a snowman candle. Please bring our world lovee. How tird do you get?

Louve Nick

Dear Santa Clous.

Thank you for beb brn. Can you please bring Emma a hireet that has. I would like a gmboy for Smas. Please bring our world frebm. Ha yoo yor fendeh fis.

Lanissa

Dear Santa Claus.

Thank you for my splydunman. Can you please bring my brother a baib. I would like belad. Please bring our world peace. hdy rndr fi? Th yuo Santa.

Love Jared

Dear Santa Claus.

Thank you for my mrstr. trucs mrstr carbus. Can you please bring my mun snare. I would like a Hare Potr. Please bring our world love. How do your randeer flie.

Love Drake

Dear Santa Claus.

Thank you for my Dog. Dear Santa Claus, thank you for my five sens is. Can you bring my mom a mom cat. I would like a mon cat. Please bring our wrld joy. Wer did you go?

Love Alena

Dear Santa Clous.

Thank you for my toy horses. Can you please bring my sister a toy dog. I would like a white toy horses. Please bring our world snow. Doo you have a cat?

Love Emma

Dear Santa Claus.

Thank you for my Pyrtby biuby. Can you please bring my cousins sop pr sokr. I would like a Bore hors and lain kam. Please bring our world food. How doo uer reideer flui?

Love Emily

Dear Santa Claus.

Thank you for my monster t rec. Thank you for my boots. Can you please bring my mom naclis. I would like a babled. Please bring our world joy. How bouer renber flie.

Love Jace

Dear Santa Clous.

Thank you for my raptor. Can you please bring my cat sum balls. I would like a santa claus hat please. Please bring our world snow. Please bring me a snowman.

Love Colin

Dear Santa Claus.

Thank you for my monstr tre. Thank you for my boots. Can you please bring my mom a clis. I would like a babled. Please bring our world peace.

Love Drew

Dear Santa Claus.

Than kyou for my Star wors lago. Can you please bring my Mum a noo ierning bord. I would like a green



Borhokerva. Please bring our world love? How do you maic the toys?

Love Ryan

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for my mittens. Can you please bring Dad ten dolrs. Please bring our world joy. Do you got tir?

Love Beau

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for my hush little bibe. Can you please bring Stefane a begbrd. I would like a nutcaker Babe. Please bring our world joy. Hawd syorider fliu? Do y get hird?

Love Amanda

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for moikyp fone. and the Barbie. Can you please bring my baby sister a toy. I would like baby bareles. Please bring world peace snow and love. How are your raindeer?

Love Kailey

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for my Bear. Can you please bring my mom a todty. I would like wnad. Please bring our world snow? How r the reindeer.

Love Jennifer

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for the jins. Thank you for the babie. Can you please bring my mom a dall. I would like my family. Please bring your world.

Love Andrea

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for mi nunit curacur barbie. and a toy kart. Can you please bring mom a fish cit. I would like a prissus barbie please bring our world joy. How do you giv the toys?

Love Ashley

**Grade 1C - Mrs Hohenwarter
Ross Ford Elementary****Dear Santa,**

How are your reindeer. How are elves. How are you. I would like a doll called the Brat. HOW is Mrs. Claus. What does the nort pole look like. Merry Christmos Santa.

From your friend Mackenzie

Dear Santa,

How are your elves? I like you. I would like a sled for Christmas. What does your house look like at the north pole? Merry Christmas!

Your friend, Josh

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeers? How is Rudolf the red nose reindeer? How are you Santa? I like you and Miss Claus. What are your elves names? For Christmas I would like a barbie please. Does Frosty the snowman live thee? Do you like children? How is the North Pole? Merry Christmas Santa and Mrs. Claus!

Love your friend Madison

Dear Santa,

What are your reindeer doing? What is RUDlof doing I want a Bay Blade please. How do your reindeer fly What do the elues do?

Your friend, Julian

Dear Santa,

How do your reindeer fly?

I would like a snowboard for christmas. Merry christmas Santa.

Love Tanner

Dear Santa

How do you get your big beard? How many reindeer do you haue? What are your elves names? Santa how do your reindeer fly? How do the elves make the toys? I would like a blue eyes white dragon.

Love Jordon

Dear Santa,

What are your elves doing? Elves - how is Santa. Do penguin slide at the North Pole? I would like a Bag Blider for Christmas.

Your friend Jordan

Dear Santa,

I would like a dog and a cat for Christmas. What is the North Pole like?

I like Ruolof.

Your friend, Mary

Dear Santa.

How is Rudolf I like your elves! How do you fly How do the reindeer fly How can you ri al those presents into sled What are ter reindeers naes? Could I please have a comput Merry Christmas Santa.

Love Casey

Dear Santa,

How many elves do you have> What do you like about Christmas. Do you like Children? Do the other reindeer still laugh at Rudolf. I would like a barbie for Christmas please. Merry Christmas.

Your friend Danya

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolf? How are the other reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? Does Rudolf like carrots? I like you! Me and my sister want a microphone please. Merry Christmas!

Your friend Cassandra

Dear Santa,

I like your reindeer. I would like a barbie Bus. Do the elves make toys? Are there animals at the North Ple? I am going to set cookies and milk on the table for you.

Your friend, Stephanie

Dear Santa,

I love you Santa!! How are your reindeer? Merry Christmas! How is the North Pole? How are the children? How do you like the North Pole? I want a Barbie and a Barbie car please!

Your friend, Kimberly Miller

Dear Santa,

How are your elves? How is Rudoof! How are the other reindeer? Please can I have a toy puppy. Mery christmas Santa!

Love Tori

Dear Santa,

I like you!! How is Rudolf at the North Pole? How do the elves make the toys? Do you have a Christmas tree? Does it have presents? I would like a play Station 2 please.

Your friend, Tessa Morrison

Dear Santa,

Can I have a babybbde for Christmas please. How is the North Pole? How are your elves doing? What do you like to

do? Do you like children. How is Rudolf? Merry Christmas Santa.

Love Matthew

Dear Santa,

How many elves do you have? Merry Christma santa How are your reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? Please could i have a new groouy girl car.

Love Morag

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeers? What do you like about children? Are the reindeer good? What is the North Pole like? I love you Santa. I would like a toy dinasaur for christmas please.

Your friend, Cody

Dear Santa,

How are your elves? Why do you leave footprints? Do you have nine reindeer 8 + 1 = 9 Rudolph the last one pulling the sleigh. I leave cookies for you. Dec 25 you come! What are good children. We had carol sing on December 2. Santa please bring presents. I would like "A very merry pooh year" please. You are at the North Pole. Do you like your elves?

Your friend, Lucas

1B - Mr. Dickinson**Ross Ford Elementary****Dear Santa,**

How is ruof the Red nos deer? Thank you for the playmobil diger you gav me laset uer. please give me a Boy Blade this year. Can yo bring Allie a Bay Blade to. Please gif the world pes.

From Kyle B.

Dear Santa,

Thank-you for the tegr you got me for last yer. thes yer can you get me a Bay Blade and can you get my brother yu go oh. Can you make the wrd fes wotr. How is roodof doing? How mene elvf do you hav?

Ryan Flood

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the cor that you got me last criminis. This yer I whd want a bablad. Can you get my frend Zac a bablad. May you giv the wrld wotr and food. how mene rander do you have. how is roodof?

Kyle Chapman

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the Barnye you gave me last year. Kan you bring me a tramplyn this yer. plese bring my frend amebr a magnifin glass. please give the world pes. How did rodlf get his red nose. Wen is Ms. Class birthday. I love you.

Renee Penner

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the cwod that you gave me lah yer. cn you bre me sum Bay blade. cn you bre my fren Ryan Yu-Gi-ho! crds. cn you bre the world pes.how mush rain br do you have. I love you Santa.

Frum Irwin Mahon

Dear Santa,

Thank you for The dolls last year. This year Wil you Ma you please bring My mom sume candles. And Wil you bing My sister kirsten a ball. Santa hao did Robolf The Red noz haoo Me ne cookies daz Mis. I love you Santa.

Casey Jamieson

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the hot Weol Set you gave me last yer. this yeer will you

give me a new Bionict. may you get my Fred Ryan a yu-gi-oh deck. Can you get the wrld pes. Haow du roodofs nose Luit up. Dont mis my huse.

Luv Joshua Reichenbacher

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the policeman that

you gave me last year. Please bring me a spider man. please bring Zac a police car. please bring clean water to the poor children. Santa how do you fit down the chimney? How do you fly?

James Shuba

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the toys you gave me last year. I want a Mikrowav oven that Macs cooks. and I want to give my friend Breanna a game Boy in vans. please bring the wold pes. How do you fly on yor sled. dus Mis Clos make good cooking.

Katie Fleming

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the hoursis I got last yer. This yer I want a pop sinsashin Barae and I want my frenb allie to have a doll. I want the wrld to have clean water, howw did roudolf get his nos red. howw merrie elfs do you have. I love you.

Darby Nugent

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the Bionicles last yer. This yer i wood like a Robot with a motercicle. pleae bring Nicholis a Spider-man figer. pleaes bring the wrld fresh water. how do Rane deer fli.

Love Callum Mason

Dear Santa,

Thank you Frue. the Salr Moon dol last year plees wil you giv me a chirping chik this yeer. please wil you give Stef and Jenn a baby. please will you give the pepl that are por hawsis. is there a Mis Clos. how old is Miss Clos.

Allie Tkach

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the toys you gave me last year. I want you to get me this year a Barbie. I want you to get my frind katie F. a Barbie coca cola for the world can you bring the por cilidren clear water. I love you Santa. How mutn raindeer do you hav. how old are you. I love you.

Breanna Davies-Hall

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good will toward men."

-Luke 2:14

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AND CONTINUED
PATRONAGE!



*From
Management
& Staff*



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Dear Santa,

Thank you for the young carn that you gaf me last yaer. this crismis I want a pop sinsashin Barbie for Hannah l. a coca cola Barbie and can you giv the wrld cln woder. how meny cakes duz mis is colc make. I love you Santa.

Love Hannah Bullard

Dear Santa,

thanks for all the biyonnnkos last yer. can you get my fent colin a beydad this yer can you get me a big tiger can you bring the werwb pes. pes sing the werwd pes. How dus your randers fli.

Zac Overwater

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the cor last uer. Kan you please santa kan you bring tim joe. please santa kan you bring the wrld klen woter good bye for naoo Santa.

From Nicholas MacDonald

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the Kereoke Last Kismas. plesz kan you gif me a N64. give Kyle C. sum ligo. plersz giv the world freash air. how mene effs do you have. how old are you. I love you Santa.

Tim Kreuter

Dear Santa,

Thenk yoer for the horses you gav me last year. this yer may i have a microwav

oven. pleas bring my Mom a candle and bring Darby a microwav ovn. bring the world woter. I love u Santa.

Katie Crawford

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all the stuf you gavv me last yer. can you giv me julia wre ther and can you giv my mom a neyt gand. Pleas giv the wold trees. How did roodoff

get the red nos. and haoo are your wayndiero you have wayndier.

Laura Milne

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the strolr. can you giv me a kitin this yer. can you giv my mom sum glasis. can you bring the wrld clen woter. how do yor rander fli.

Laura Milne

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the teldy last crismis. this crismis i wood like a magfiling glas. ma my mom have a new nit gown. ma the wrld have pes. how did roodoff get a red nos.

Regan Trottier

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the hrose I goot last Crismis. This crismis I wont a Barbe cor. ples bri a borbe bage for Hannah B. Ples bring klose for the worlt. .

Hannah LeClaire

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Last year the live nativity at the Didsbury Lutheran Church attracted a lot of attention. The event will take place again this year with performances on Dec. 21, 22 and 23 at 7:45 p.m. The event uses live animals as props as it tells the story of Christmas.

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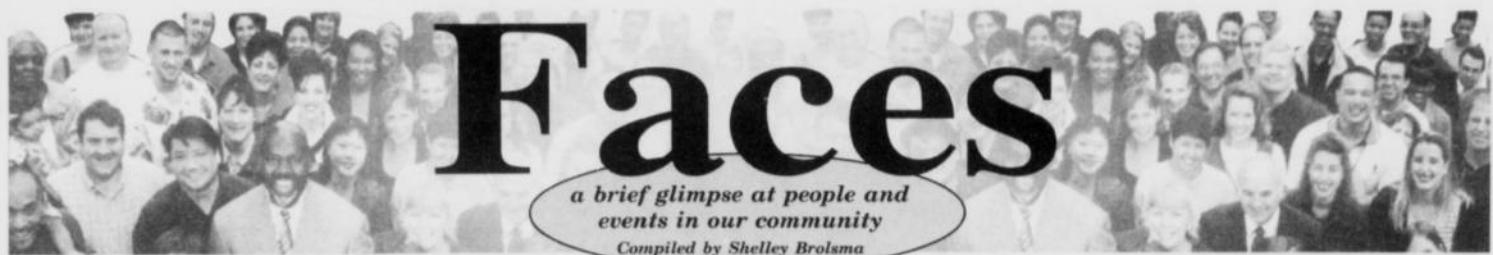
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**From the Board of Directors,
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Faces

a brief glimpse at people and events in our community

Compiled by Shelley Broksma

Shepherds shaken by Heavenly Messenger

Shepherds in and around Bethlehem won't soon forget the visitor they saw one cold, but clear winter's night.

While watching their flocks in the fields that evening, several eyewitnesses testified to having seen what appears to be a bright glowing light emanating from the sky.

From that white light emerged an Angel having come down from Heaven.

"We were terrified," said one of the Shepherds, "...but the Angel told us not to be afraid and said she brings us good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you, he is Christ the Lord."

According to that same Shepherd the Angel then said, "This will be a sign to you, you will find the baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly hosts appeared with the Angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, peace to men on whom his favor rests."

"Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you he is Christ the Lord."

- Shepherd, on what the Angel told him



Angel



Virgin Mary

Woman Receives Sacred Blessing from God

Mary is like most new mothers-to-be; elated, excited, anxious...maybe even a little afraid.

But the one quality that sets Mary apart from all others is the blessing she received, recently, from God.

While resting in her home in Nazareth of Galilee, the virgin Mary suddenly became

aware of another presence in the room. "It was an Angel named Gabriel," Mary explains.

"She told me I was highly favored with the Lord and blessed among women."

Mary admits to being confused and fearful at first, but once learning of Gabriel's message was soon overjoyed.

"She said I shall conceive in thy womb and bring forth a son whom I shall call Jesus.

She told me this son will be referred to by all as Son of the Highest and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

Mary has since learned that she will be espoused to a man named Joseph and travel to Bethlehem in adherence to the decree from Caesar Augustus who insists that all the world should be counted and taxed.

It is there that she will give birth to her infant son, the Savior, Christ the Lord.

Man travels a Great Distance for his Family

The journey was long, but Joseph didn't mind. Since learning of his wife Mary's condition of being blessed with child, no task seemed too great for the faithful servant of the Lord. "I knew that my family's welfare was at stake when we were told we must go to the place of our origin to be counted in the great census so we could be taxed. I didn't want any trouble to come to us, so I gathered our belongings and helped Mary atop that donkey I afforded for the jour-

ney back to Bethlehem."

They traveled for days before reaching the tiny manger where his wife Mary would give birth to their heavenly son, Jesus. "There was no room at the inn...the entire city was filled with others who also made the journey. I knew a manger was no place to welcome a child into the world, but we had little choice. I kept Mary and our new son as warm as I could and watched over them through the night. I realize now we are truly blessed. Our son is the son of

God."

Joseph and his new family were on the move again after receiving a visit from the Angel of the Lord in a dream saying, "Arise, and take the young child and his mother and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod (the king) will seek the young child to destroy him."

Joseph then guided his new son and Mary through the dark night into the land they would call their home until the time of Herod's death.

"I knew that my family's welfare was at stake when we were told we must go to the place of our origin to be counted in the great census so we could be taxed."

- Joseph



Joseph, the Carpenter

Infant Savior Born in a Bethlehem Stable

Despite near freezing temperatures spent lying in a manger, an infant boy has survived his first night in the world. He is none other than our Savior, Christ the Lord.

All who seek him shall find him by following the brightest star in the night sky that hovers above the manger where he rests with his mother Mary and father Joseph. He will be wrapped in swaddling cloths

surrounded by oxen and lamb and emanating the glow of the holy spirit.

Above and all around it is easy to hear a host of heavenly Angels singing his praise and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

The child received many visitors including shepherds abiding the direction they received from an Angel earlier that

evening. When they saw the star they were told to follow, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

The tiny child also received the company of three wise kings sent by King Herod to find the boy they called the Savior and bring him back to him to be killed.

But they could not. Instead, when they saw the infant they fell down, worshipped him and



Jesus



Sing His Praises

May your heart be full of song and your home echo with the sounds of laughter as we give thanks to our Lord for the miracle of Christmas.

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All the best in 2003 from Gene, Rafael, Kim, Beth, Lindsay, Maxine, Richard and Dale

LIFESTYLES

The story of Papa Panov and his special Christmas

It was Christmas Eve and although it was still afternoon, lights had begun to appear in the shops and houses of the little Russian village, for the short winter day was nearly over. Excited children scurried indoors and now only muffled sounds of chatter and laughter escaped from closed shutters.

Old Papa Panov, the village shoemaker stepped outside his shop to take one last look around.

The sounds of happiness, the bright lights and the faint but delicious smells of Christmas cooking reminded him of past Christmas times when his wife had been alive and his own children little.

Now they had gone. His usually cheerful face, with the little laughter wrinkles behind the round steel spectacles, looked sad now. But he went

back indoors with a firm step, put up the shutters and set a pot of coffee to heat on the charcoal stove. Then, with a sigh, he settled in his big armchair.

Papa Panov did not often read, but tonight he pulled down the big old family Bible and, slowly tracing the lines with one forefinger, he read again the Christmas story.

He read how Mary and Joseph, tired by their journey to Bethlehem, found no room for them at the inn, so that Mary's little baby was born in the cowshed.

"Oh dear, oh dear!" exclaimed Papa Panov, "If only they had come here! I would have given them my bed and I could have covered the baby with my patchwork quilt to keep him warm."

He read on about the wise men who had come to see the baby Jesus, bring-

ing him splendid gifts. Papa Panov's face fell.

"I have no gift that I could give him," he thought sadly.

Then his face brightened. He put down the Bible, got up and stretched his long arms to the shelf high up in his little room. He took down a small, dusty box and opened it. Inside was a perfect pair of tiny leather shoes. Papa Panov smiled with satisfaction. Yes, they were as good as he had remembered - the best shoes he had ever made.

"I should give him those," he decided, as he gently put them away and sat down again.

And as he slept he dreamed. He dreamed that someone was in his room and he knew at once, as one does in dreams, who the person was. It was Jesus.

"You have been wishing that you could see me, Papa Panov," he said kindly, "then look for me tomorrow. It will be Christmas Day and I will visit you. But look carefully, for I shall not tell you who I am."

When at last Papa Panov awoke, the bells were ringing out and a thin light was filtering through the shutters.

"Bless my soul!" said Papa Panov. "It's Christmas Day!"

He stood up and stretched himself, for he was rather stiff. Then his face filled with happiness as he remembered his dream.

This would be a very special Christmas after all, for Jesus was coming to visit him.

How would he look?

Would he be a little baby, as at that first Christmas?

Would he be a grown man, a carpenter - or the great King that he is, God's

Son?

He must watch carefully the whole day through so that he recognized him however he came.

Papa Panov put on a special pot of coffee for his Christmas breakfast, took down the shutters and looked out of the window. The street was deserted, no one was stirring yet. No one except the road sweeper. He looked as miserable and dirty as ever, and well he might! Whoever wanted to work on Christmas Day - and in the raw cold and bitter freezing mist of such a morning?

Papa Panov opened the shop door, letting in a thin stream of cold air. "Come in!" he shouted across the street cheerily. "Come and have some hot coffee to keep out the cold!"

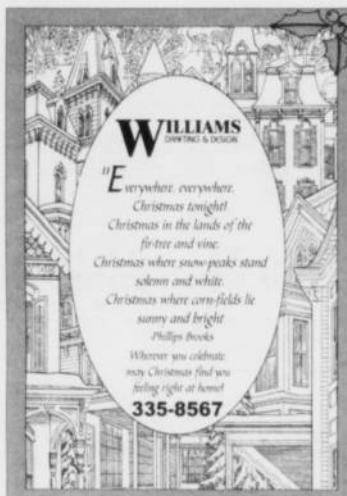
The sweeper looked up, scarcely able to believe his ears. He was only too glad to put down his broom and come into the warm room. His old clothes steamed gently in the heat of the stove and he clasped both red hands round the comforting warm mug as he drank.

Papa Panov watched him with satisfaction, but every now and then his eyes strayed to the window. It would never do to miss his special visitor.

"Expecting someone?" the sweeper asked at last. So Papa Panov told him about his dream. "Well, I hope he comes," the sweeper said, "you've given me a bit of Christmas cheer I never expected to have. I'd say you deserve to have your dream come true." And he actually smiled.

When he had gone, Papa Panov put on cabbage soup for his dinner, then went to the door again, scanning the street. He saw no one. But he was mistaken. Someone was coming.

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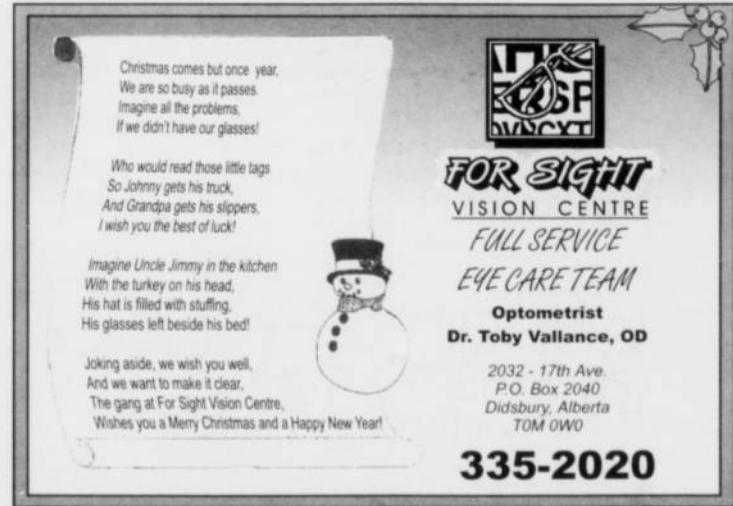
Christmas Greetings

With the Christmas Season upon us, Dot & I, along with my staff, would like to take this opportunity to wish all Wild Rose constituents a very Merry Christmas & a prosperous New Year.

We feel very blessed as we reflect back on the past year and await the New Year with eager anticipation.

It is our hope that God watches over your household and makes this special time safe and rewarding.

Myron Thompson, MP
Wild Rose Riding



PAPA PANOV

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The girl walked so slowly and quietly, hugging the walls of shops and houses, that it was a while before he noticed her.

She looked very tired and she was carrying something. As she drew nearer he could see that it was a baby, wrapped in a thin shawl.

There was such sadness in her face and in the pinched little face of the baby, that Papa Panov's heart went out to them.

"Won't you come in?" he called, stepping outside to meet them, "you both need to warm by the fire and rest."

The young mother let him shepherd her indoors and to the comfort of the armchair.

She gave a sigh of relief. "I'll warm some milk for the baby," Papa Panov said, "I've had children of my own - I can feed her for you." He took the milk from the stove and carefully fed the baby from a spoon, warming her tiny feet by the stove at the same time.

"She needs shoes," the cobbler said.

But the girl replied, "I can't afford shoes, I've got no husband to bring home money. I'm on my way to the next village to get work."

A sudden thought flashed into Papa Panov's mind. He remembered the little shoes he had looked at last night. But he had been keeping those for Jesus.

He looked again at the cold little feet and made up his mind.

"Try these on her," he said, handing the baby and the shoes to the mother. The beautiful little shoes were a perfect fit. The girl smiled happily and the baby gurgled with pleasure.

"You have been so kind to us," the girl said, when she got up with her baby to go. "May all your Christmas wishes come true!"

"I was hungry and you fed me," he said. "I was naked and you clothed me. I was cold and you warmed me. I came to you today in every one of those you helped and welcome."

Then all was quiet and still. Only the sound of the big clock ticking. A great peace and happiness seemed to fill the room, overflowing Papa Panov's heart until he wanted to burst out singing and laughing and dancing with joy.

But Papa Panov was beginning to wonder if his very special Christmas wish would come true. Perhaps he had missed his visitor? He looked anxiously up and down the street. There were plenty of people about but they were all faces that he recognized. There were neighbors going to call on their families. They nodded and smiled and wished him Happy Christmas! Or beggars - and Papa Panov hurried indoors to fetch them hot soup and a generous hunk of bread, hurrying out again in case he missed the important Stranger.

All too soon the winter dusk fell. When Papa Panov next went to the door and strained his eyes he could no longer make out the passers-by.

Most were home and indoors by now anyway. He walked slowly back into his room at last, put up the shutters and sat down wearily in his armchair.

So it had been just a dream after all.

Jesus had not come.

Then all at once he knew that he was no longer alone in the room.

This was no dream, for he was wide awake. At first he seemed to see before his eyes the long stream of people who had come to him that day. He saw again the old road sweeper, the young mother and her baby and the beggars he had fed. As they passed, each whispered, Didn't you see me, Papa Panov?

"Who are you?" he called out, bewildered.

Then another voice answered him.

It was the voice from his dream -- the voice of Jesus.

"I was hungry and you fed me," he said. "I was naked and you clothed me. I was cold and you warmed me. I came to you today in every one of those you helped and welcome."

Then all was quiet and still. Only the sound of the big clock ticking. A great peace and happiness seemed to fill the room, overflowing Papa Panov's heart until he wanted to burst out singing and laughing and dancing with joy.

"So, he did come after all!" was all that he said.

'Papa Panov's Special Christmas' by Leo Tolstoy, retold by Mary Batchelor from Our Family Christmas Book, Abingdon Press, copy right Lion Publishing.

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Merry Christmas and many thanks!

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LIFESTYLES

DHS student happy to help others at Christmas

by Richard Westlund

It is unlikely that Katrina Saina will ever see first-hand the difference she has made in the world during the past two Christmas seasons, but that hasn't dampened the sense of accomplishment she feels.

The 16-year-old Didsbury High School student has organized two successful back-to-back drives for Operation Christmas Child and has encouraged students at the school to donate about 125 boxes over that time frame.

The project coincides with an interest Saina has in the world and the difference she believes people can make if they decide to take action.

"I have always been really sensitive about the state of some parts of the

world. I think everyone needs to do what they can to help others out and every bit helps," said Saina.

When asked where she would like to see the donated boxes go this year through the program that send Christmas packages to the world's poorest children, Saina said children in Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan had suffered greatly. She added however she doesn't really care who gets the boxes because "we are all humans".

Many schools in the area participate in the Operation Christmas Child campaign. What is unique about the DHS campaign is that it was an initiative of the student body.

Saina said for two years now the students have supported the project and it was their participation that made it work.

"They were really willing to participate during both years," she said. "As students we are able to raise awareness about an issue like this and I think it shows our community that students care about these things as well."

"I think it's good to show that teenagers are sensitive to the fact that there are people out there that don't have as much as we do."

The 50 boxes that were put together this year were shipped to Calgary. Operation Christmas Child organizers will then send the boxes to the children.

Boxes are filled with small toys, toiletries and school supplies and are gender specific.

In organizing the campaign, the first year was the hardest for Saina as she

spent much time researching how to get involved and creating a local program. She said this year was easier because she knew the ropes better.

"The first year there were so many things that needed to be done," said Saina who talked to Westglen School to find out how they did their program.

Saina, who is planning on attending Queens University next year to work on a Bachelor of Science, said she hopes the program will continue next year at the school when she is gone.

She said the last two years in organizing the campaign has been extremely rewarding.

"It was totally fulfilling knowing we were able to help people out at Christmas time."



Katrina Saina has organized the Operation Christmas Child campaign at the high school during the past two years.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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BUSINESS

Special etiquette followed at holiday office parties

by Robert Hosking

As you look forward to your firm's annual holiday party, keep in mind that company-sponsored celebrations are not like other festive gatherings. Office parties are hybrid business/social events, and therefore have their own rules of etiquette. Use the following guidelines to maintain a professional image and still enjoy yourself:

Remember to mingle. A holiday party is the perfect time to meet colleagues from other divisions or offices. Following introductions, say something like, "It's nice to finally put a name to a face. Those files you emailed me really helped with that project last month." You can also use a holiday gathering to become better acquainted with co-workers you see often but rarely have time to chat with - like the receptionist or your department's newest intern.

Dress appropriately. Despite the decorations, the office party is still a business-related event. It's not the place for that strapless, hot-pink mini dress. On the other hand, don't feel like you have to go with a drab, buttoned-down look. Wear what you normally do to work, jazzing it up with a pretty scarf, some bright jewelry or a sweater shot with metallic thread. If you'll be going straight from your desk to dinner, bring dressy shoes and an evening bag to work with you. Likewise, men shouldn't show up in a sweatshirt and jeans. The same business casual many firms allow in the office can also work for parties: slacks and a collared shirt.

Be culturally sensitive. In our diverse society, not everyone is celebrat-

ing the same holiday you are. Be careful about exclaiming "Merry Christmas!" to everyone you meet. A neutral phrase, such as "Happy Holidays," is more appropriate.

Mind your manners. It's a party, so feel free to eat, laugh, make small talk and forget about the daily grind. But be careful you don't go too far. Everyone's heard about out-of-control workers who embarrass themselves and their employers at office parties. The best way to avoid a breach of etiquette is to be slightly more formal than you would usually be at a party.

If alcoholic beverages are served, practice moderation.

Meet the higher-ups. At a holiday party, senior executives are generally more inclined to hob-nob with employees. Ask your manager to introduce you. Develop a one-minute summary about yourself in advance, so you don't become tongue-tied when you shake the CEO's hand. Be courteous and professional. Don't bend the executive's ear with trivia - stick to general, work-related conversation. When the executive shows signs of concluding the conversation, say "Nice to have met you," and move on.

Avoid excessive shop talk. Don't buttonhole a co-worker with a lengthy discussion about deadlines, deliverables and the agenda for tomorrow's meeting. If someone starts a similar conversation with you, offer to review details first thing in the morning, when it's easier to concentrate on business matters. In general, keep conversations light and upbeat - avoid politics and office gossip.

Make a graceful exit. If one-third of the guests have left, it's probably a

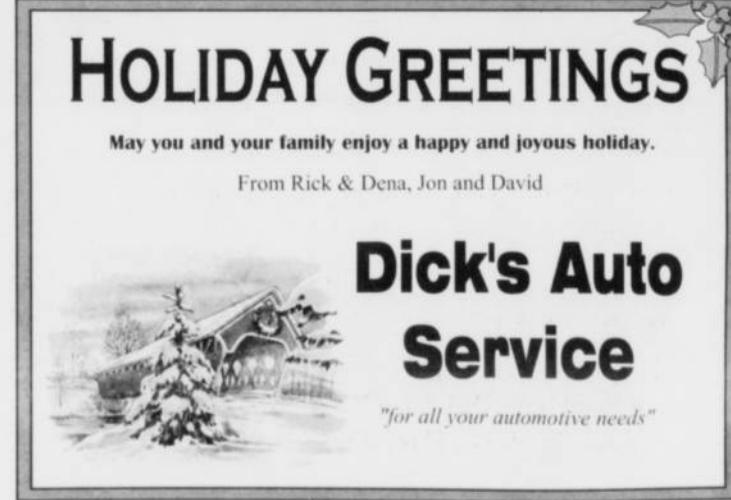
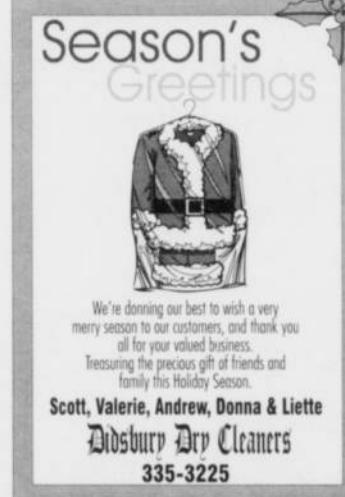
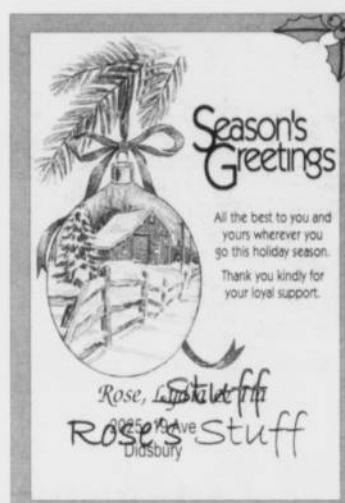
good time to say your good-byes. Try not to be the first or last to leave, especially if the party is at your manager's house. Watch your host for cues (clearing plates and glasses, putting food away, etc.). If you must leave early, be sure to notify your host beforehand.

Following these suggestions can help you seamlessly blend the professional and social sides of yourself, making the office party one of the high points of your holiday calendar.

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LIFESTYLES

Mount View Lodge News

by Annie Caush

We've had some nice weather so a lot of us have been able to get out a bit before the snow gets too deep.

We have had several special events with visitors and a couple of trips. A number of residents were able to go to Linden to visit a former resident and then had dinner in Three Hills. Last week a few residents went with Wendy

on a shopping trip to Red Deer. It sounds as if they did more "looking" than "shopping" but they had a good time.

One evening last week the Didsbury 5-0 Singers came and entertained us and on Saturday afternoon a group of local young people came and did a lovely program of mostly Christmas songs and readings.

Just what we needed to get in the "Christmas Spirit".

Ross Ford students raise big for Christmas Helpers campaign

Local elementary students raised over \$1,000 in pennies, nickles and dimes with their White Elephant Sale this year.

Ross Ford student have given the Christmas Helpers campaign \$1,045.64 from the proceeds of the sale held last

week.

Organizer Mrs. Hrabok said the students routinely do a great job in participating at the annual event and that every year they are the largest contributors to the annual Christmas Helpers campaign.

We will be doing our annual painting and cleaning over the next few weeks. Watch for our reopening ads in January.

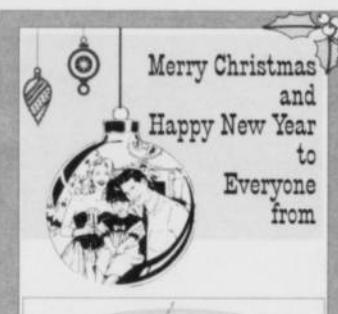


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